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### **Opening Statement**

**As a graduate Marine Engineer from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island, New York, Class of 1961, and former merchant mariner, sailing as a US Coast Guard-licensed Second Marine Engineering officer on Steam and Motor Vessels of any Tonnage or Horsepower and who maintained such USCG issued license for some 50 years in time, well out into a semi-retirement age of 65 years reached in 2004, and who has spent over that time period, up into present time, working in all phases of the power & process industries in various capacities such as starting up, operating, designing, inventing and trouble-shooting various and differing types of fossil & waste fuel fired, as well as currently emerging and renewable energy conversion systems, I feel that I am uniquely qualified to speak out about the current status of Wind Energy Development in both the United States of America and around the World; especially as to how wind is currently perceived and practiced as a land-based energy conversion system, as well as to how it will continue to be viewed out into the near term future.**

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**Any small sail boat enthusiast, such as myself, who has ever sailed a tall boat in either a spinnaker (Drag) or tacking (Lift) mode before or up into a stout wind and in a following and open sea, can strongly attest to the pure joy that comes with personally experiencing the instantaneous conversion of the raw and available energy in the wind into a truly graceful, cost effective and highly efficient manner of motive power production which has become widely and socially acceptable to many of those who have ever had the actual pleasure of being any part of that exhilarating experience.**

**This is my true Vision for all aspects of wind energy conversion that I currently have in my mind at this time, and that I will continue to hold in that manner well out into the future.**

**With these thoughts in mind, I offer the following technical presentation to you today where I will try to explain to you why I have become so obsessed with all types of wind energy conversion systems in general up through this time, and why I have also been trying so diligently to try to influence its future research & development efforts in a more socially friendly direction within these United States.**

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**Following this presentation, I will remain available to anyone who might be interested in sharing their thoughts with my wife and myself concerning the future development of small and intermediately sized wind as a reliable and widely utilized and highly harvestable natural resource, that is on at least a par with that as is currently being experienced by the current solar radiation techniques that are in wide practice around the world and in present time.**

**Those desiring a flash drive file copy of my power point presentation (i.e.92 MB in size) can share their available flash drive with me now, while I am at the conference, to obtain such a copy, or, those who so wish can obtain a PDF version (i.e. 7.6 MB in size) of my technical presentation by E mail by either picking up a copy of my business card after my presentation, and personally contacting me at some future time and/or by providing me with their current business card or cards. I will send them such a copy by E mail attachment no later than the end of this coming week or before December 1, 2019, latest.**

**(END)**

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## **Lead InTo Technical Presentation**

**At present, after trying three separate times to acquire adequate Federal grant funding via three separate proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation, and in collaboration with West Texas A & M University, over the years from 2013 through 2015, to conduct an applied research project on WINDGRABBER® that could be financed and conducted at a reasonable scale up of both pilot and demonstration plant system rated sizes so as to be truly and directly scalable to full commercial sizes. I finally gave up on my ability to acquire such adequate government funding and/or technical support and decided to instead proceed forward from that point onward in early 2017 with conducting and accomplishing whatever progress I could make on my WINDGRABBER® technology on my own, working solely with my very supportive wife, Karin, of some 55 years in marriage, to see what we could achieve by ourselves, utilizing our own personal retirement investments, to both finance and conduct the overall endeavor.**

**This technical presentation today , therefore, largely represents what my wife and I have been able to accomplish with that primary objective in mind, and while working with others as we could afford and/or entice to get involved with us towards that ultimate and end objective.**

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**In Summary, the largest single obstacle that I have personally discovered related to man's being able to truly develop a small or intermediately sized wind energy conversion system, which will be widely received by the general public in a truly socially acceptable manner is with obtaining a better understanding of the air viscosity issues effecting both the resistance to air flow as is experienced within the surrounding WINDGRABBER® like enclosures and duct work and/or within a building or other such enclosure, which might be utilized as a WINDGRABBER® type enclosure, as well as with the boundary layer effects actually experienced both between the surrounding atmosphere and any associated ground clutter effects and the actual wind conversion system or systems being utilized and which actually harvests the available energy from the naturally occurring winds flowing in the ambient environment as well as the ensuing air flows as are captured within the specific wind energy conversion system of interest and as actually flows through and around the actual wind turbine rotor and air bladed system being utilized, as well as within the associated air blades of any specific design, shape and configuration as may be incorporated therein.**

**November, 2019**

**Brett C. Krippene, BSME, PE**

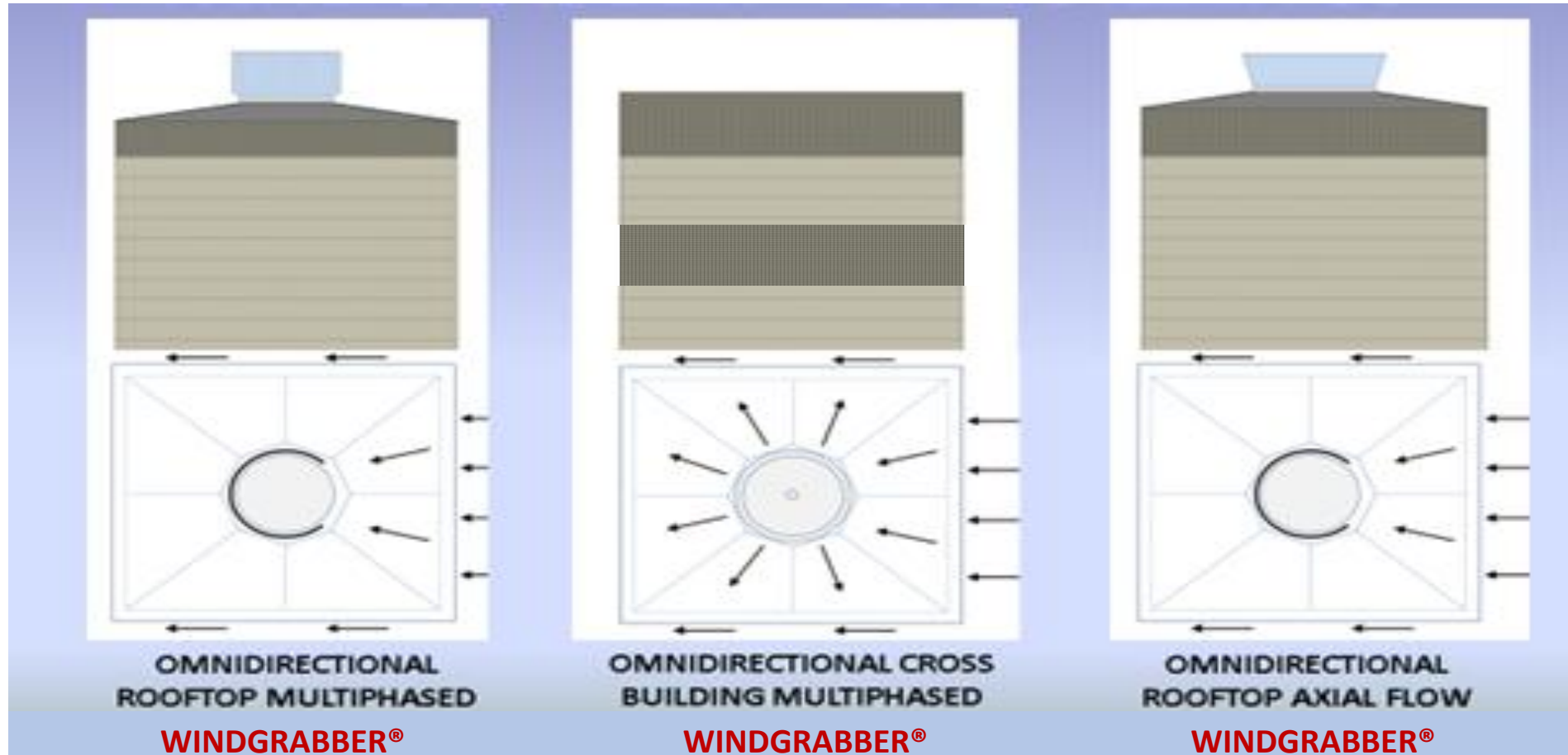
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**What Is WINDGRABBER<sup>®</sup> ?**

**A USPTO Patented Wind Turbine Enclosure System Technology!**

**WINDGRABBER<sup>®</sup> For Large Buildings**

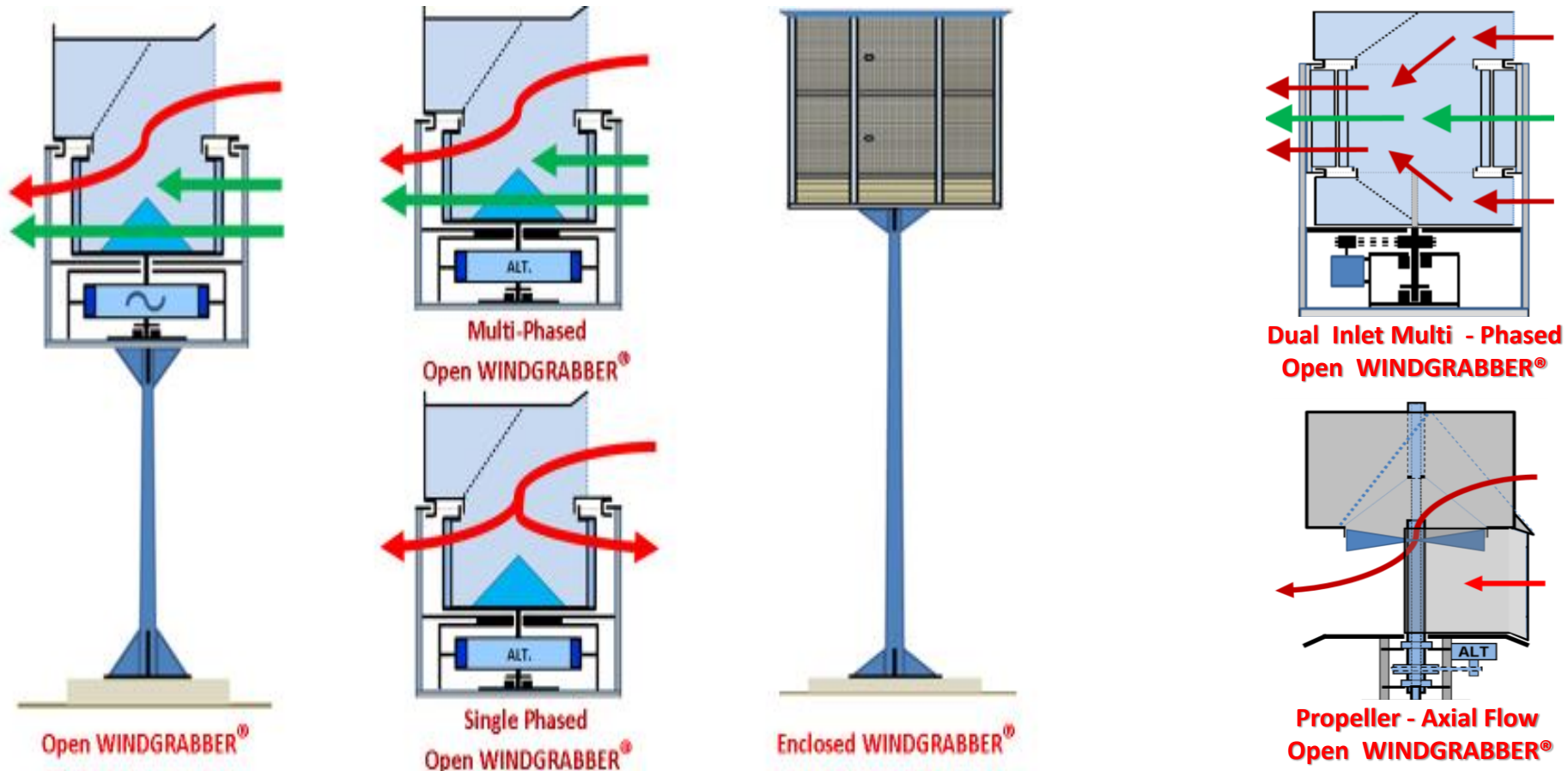




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**WINDGRABBER® For Homes & Small Office Buildings**





# **Why WINDGRABBER® ?**

- **Environmentally Friendly** – No Fuel Combustion - Wind Energy is the Only Consumable
- **Socially Engineered** - Engineered to Blend into the Background Environment and, Thus, Addresses Most Social Issues Related to Wind
- **Offers Bird Life Protection** - Screened-in Inlet to Enclosure
- **Architecturally Pleasing** – Compatible & Integral with the Building's Design Structure
- **Visual & Audible Impacts Minimized** – Low Speed Moving Components Physically Shielded From View
- **Quiet & Safe Operation** – A Product of the Above
- **Easy to Permit & Install** – Another Product of the Above

# Brett & Karin Krippene at the ASME 2019 TURBO EXPO Conference & Exhibition, Phoenix, AZ

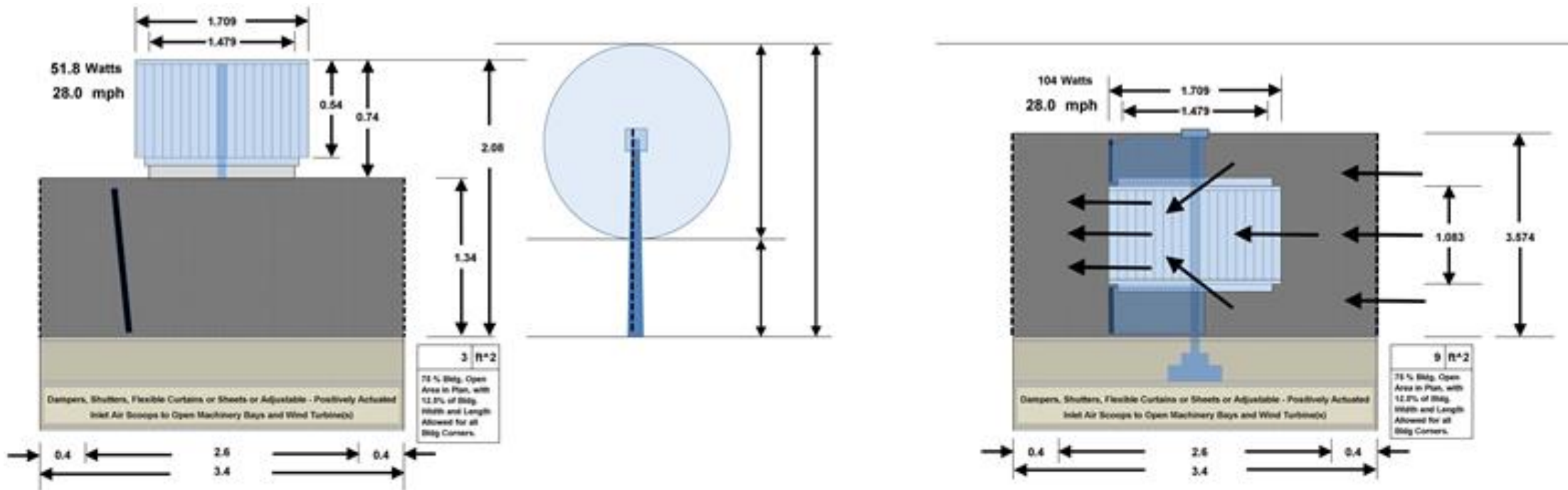
**WINDGRABBER®**  
Is NOT a  
Wind Turbine!



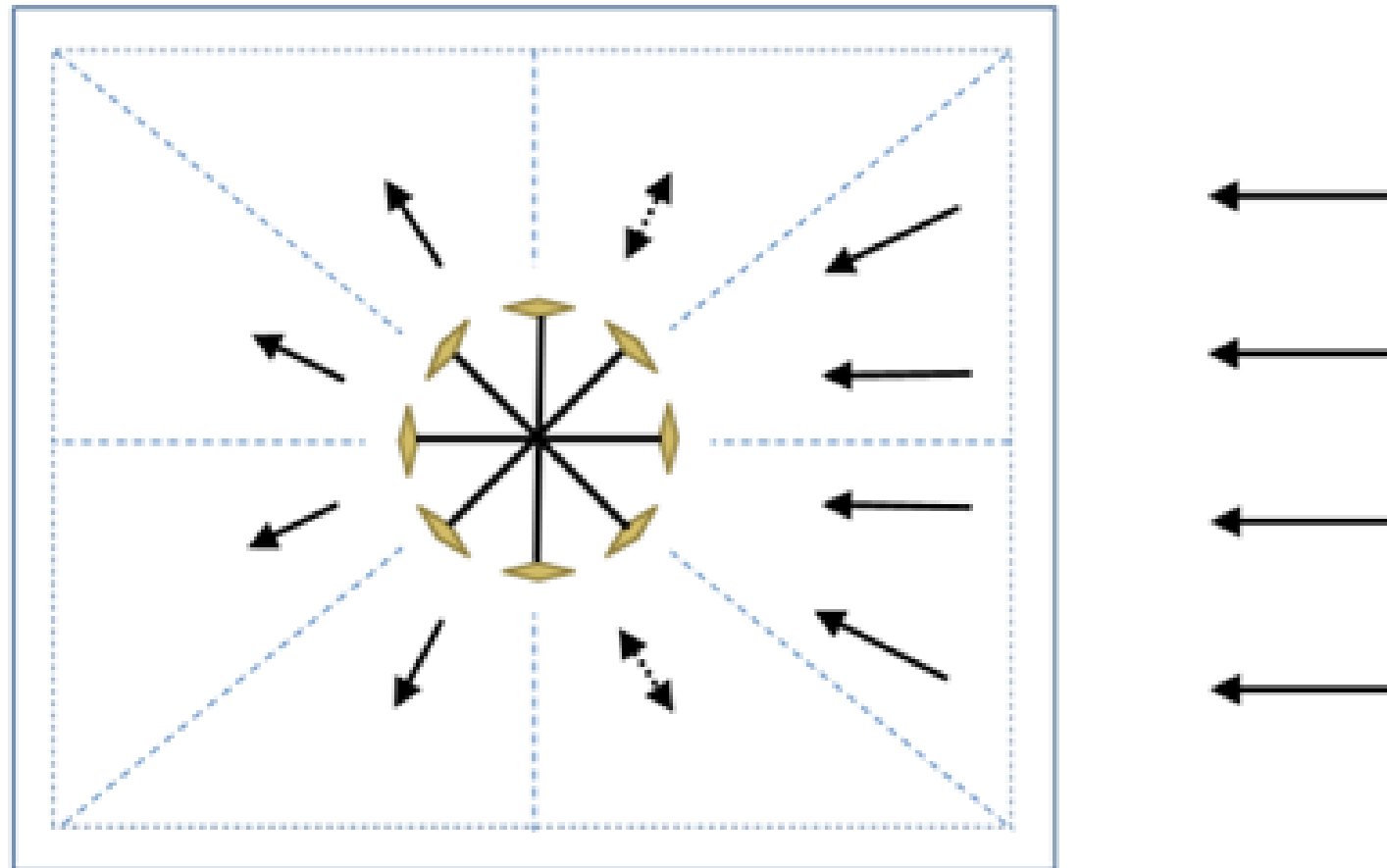
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Ever Continuing to Look  
For that Special  
WINDGRABBER® Wind  
Turbine System R & D  
Engineer & Designer  
at Turbo Expo 2019!

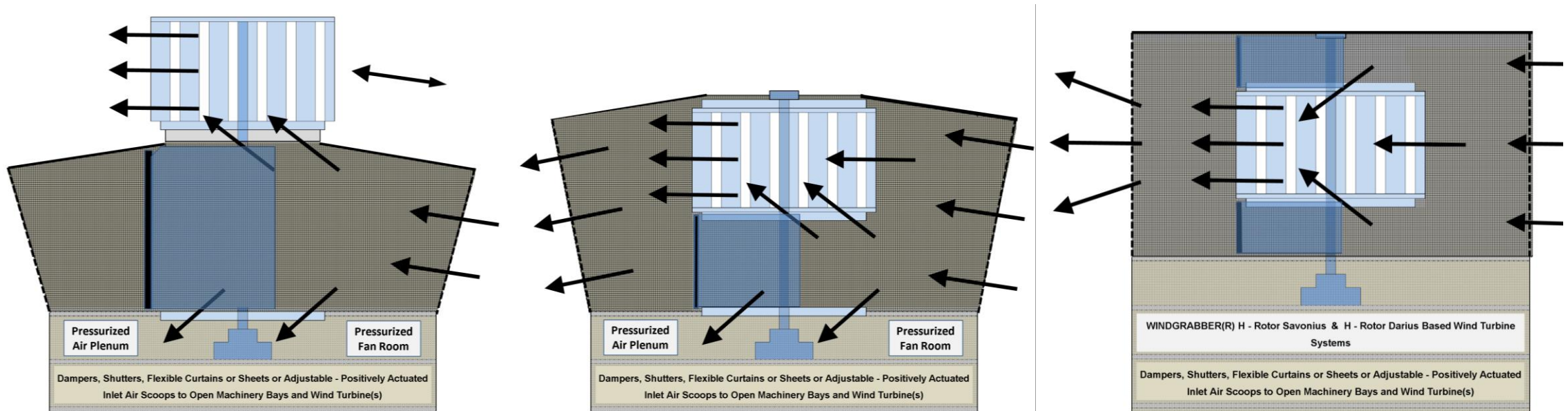
# WINDGRABBER® For Centrifugal –Squirrel Cage; Reverse Air or Radial Outflow Type WINDGRABBER® Wind Turbine Systems



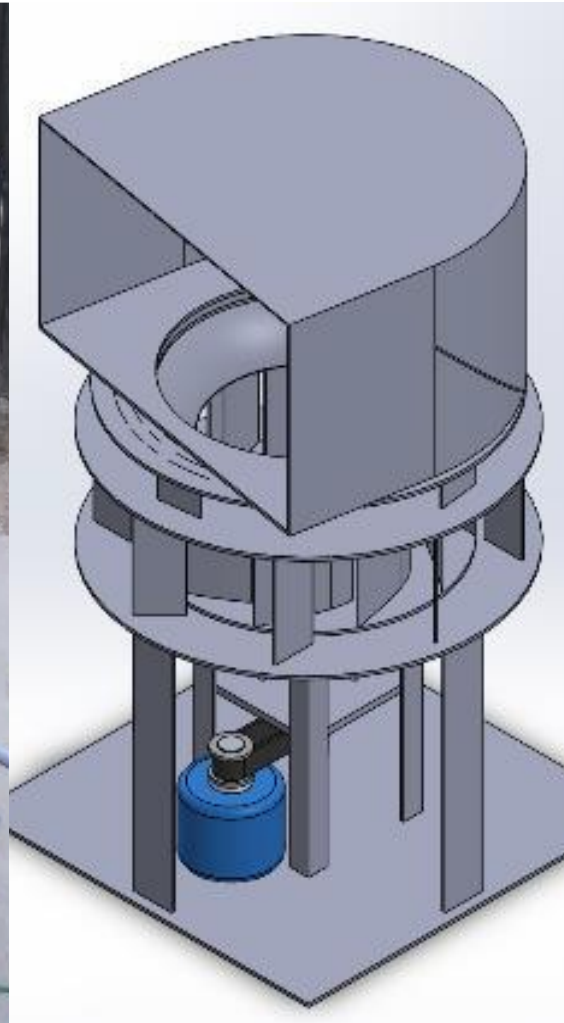
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# University of Arizona Senior Capstone Project

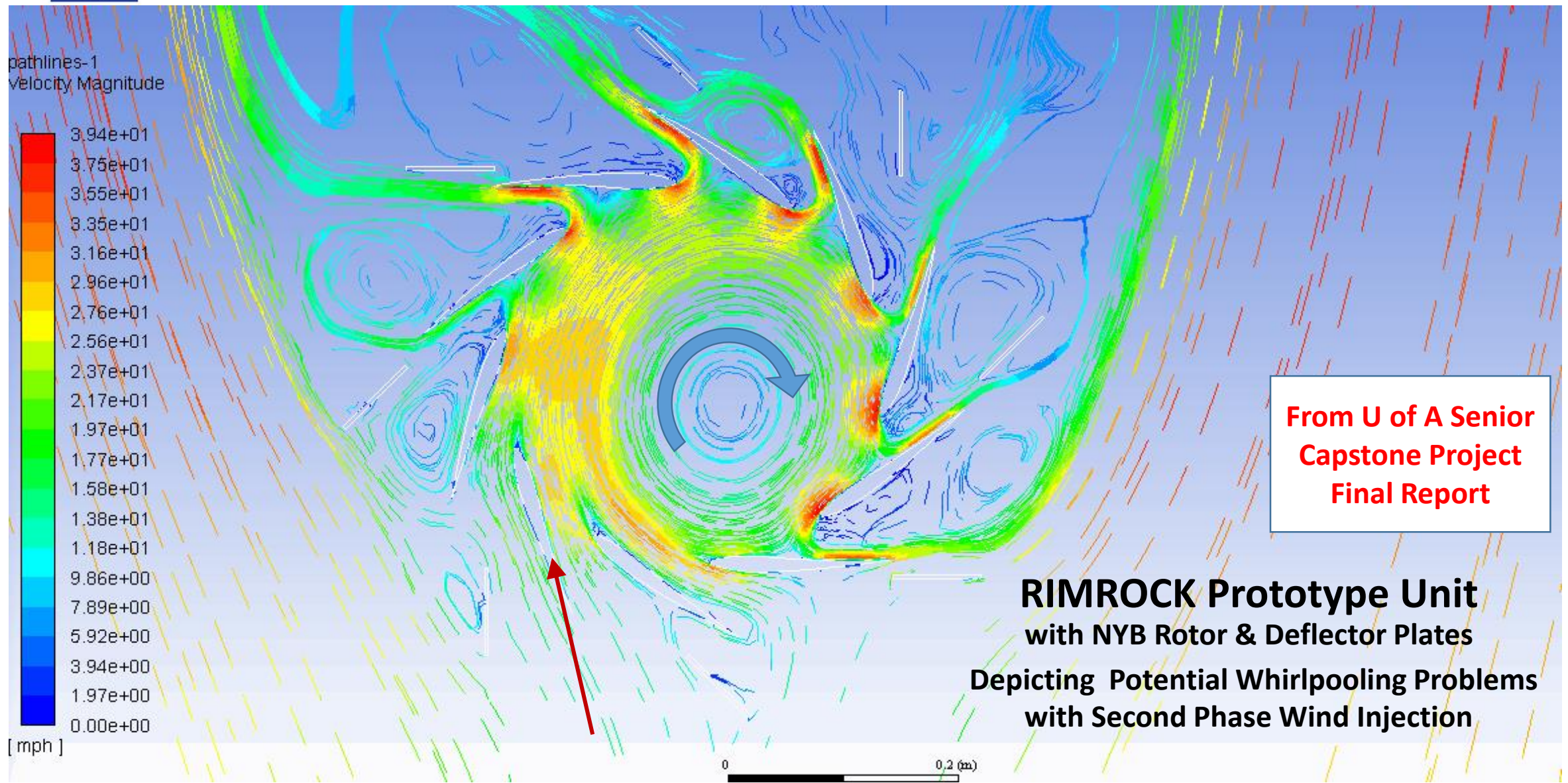


## Summary Objective: (Project Conducted 9/1/2017 to 5/1/2018)

- Design, Fabricate, Start Up and Test a Small U of A Team WINDGRABBER® Conceptually Designed Pilot Plant.
- Perform Wind Turbine Rotor and Air Blade Design Studies and Select a Best Design for Pilot Plant Demonstration.
- Optimize & Test the Resulting WINDGRABBER® Enclosure and Wind Turbine System for Best Operation & Performance.

## Summary Conclusion:

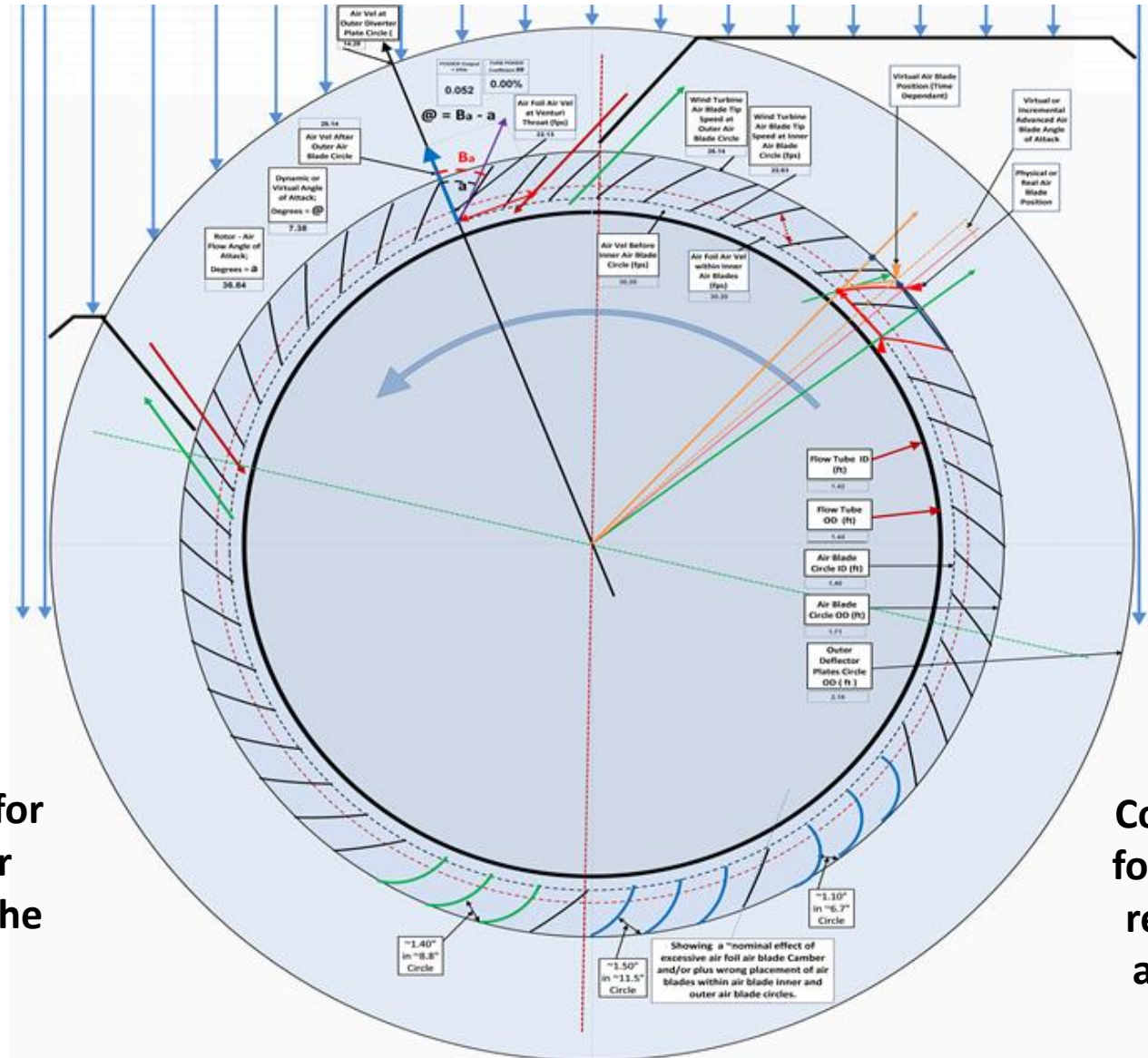
- The Results Did Not Meet all the U of A Team's Expectations in terms of Power Production and Other Metrics.
- With Better Resources and More Start Up Time (i.e. Better WIND!) Made Available, the U of A team Would Have Achieved all of the Original Goals & Objectives.
- This Project, However, Did Provide a Better Foundation for BCK Consulting LLC to Continue on with a Final Phase of WINDGRABBER® Math Modeling and R & D Field Testing as Subsequently Conducted at the Rimrock, AZ Home Test Site.





**WINDGRABBER®**

**Reverse Air Flow or Radial Outflow Type Wind Turbine Rotor Design with an Air Foil Air Blade Design and Depicting the Virtual Angle of Attack**

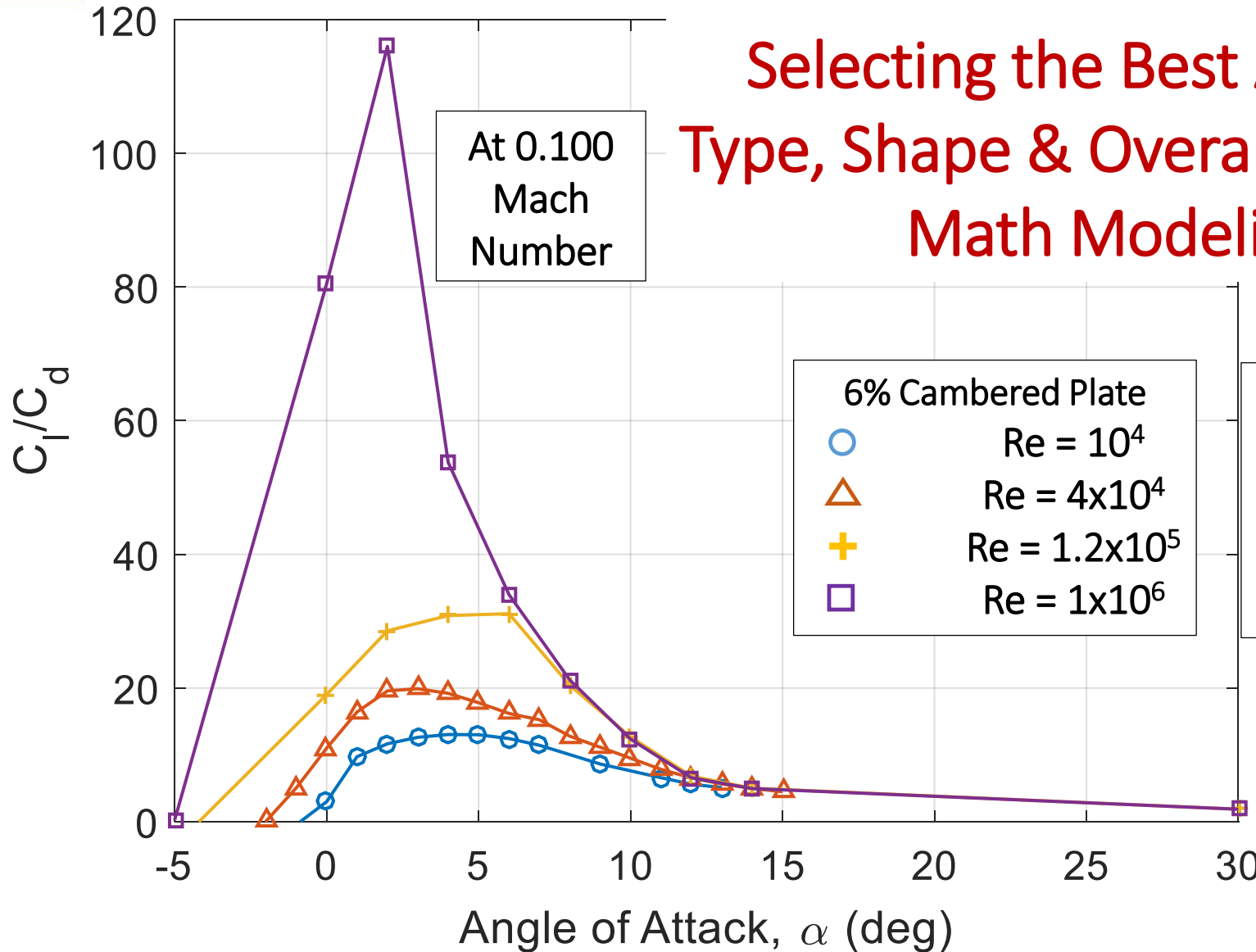


**Coordinating with Czero for Setting the turbine rotor outer tip speed equal to the exiting air velocity to eliminate "fan" effects.**

**Coordinating with Czero for determination of the real vs virtual air blade angle of attack for the rotating air blades.**



# Selecting the Best Air Foil Air Blade Type, Shape & Overall Design for Future Math Modeling Studies



6% Cambered Plate  
 50 watts WG  
 100 watts WG  
 1,000 watts WG  
 67 kWe WG

Basic Understanding of Airfoil Characteristics at Low Reynolds Numbers (104–105)  
 Justin Winslow,\* Hikaru Otsuka,† Bharath Govindarajan,‡ and Inderjit Chopra§  
 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland 20742  
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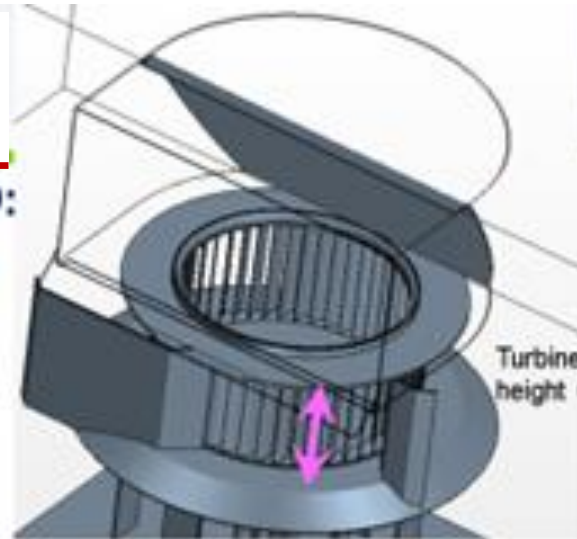
**Czero's Math Modeling Work for  
WINDGRABBER®**

**Rotating Frame of Reference CFD:  
Curved Thin Flat Plate Geometry**

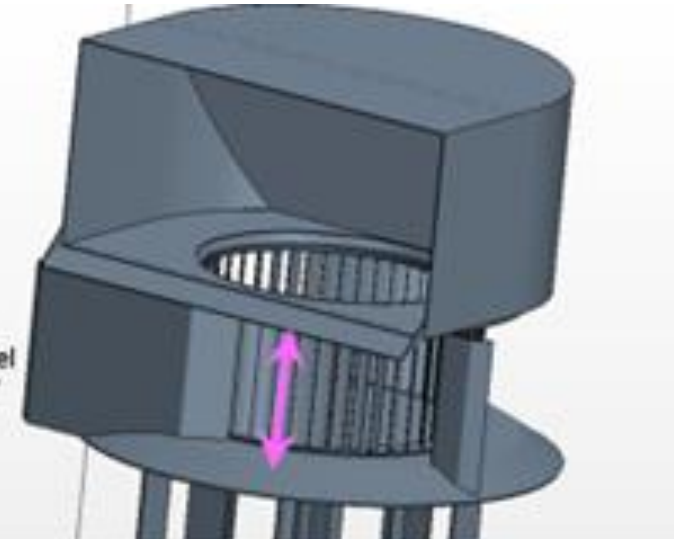
- Model geometry for CFD
- 48 blade rotor, CCW rotation.
  - ID = 17.75"
  - OD = 20.5"
  - Height = 8.5"
- 2 diverter plates
  - 0 deg to left
  - 80 degree to right



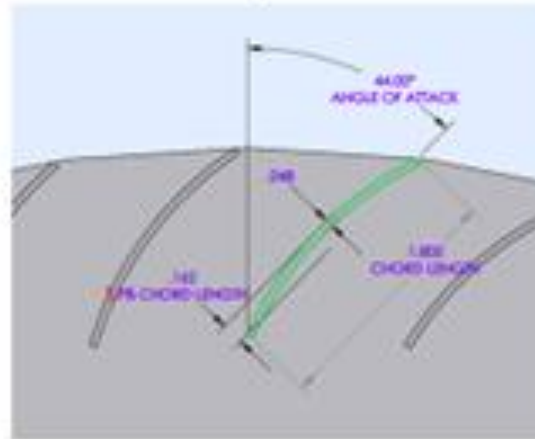
Outside envelope with WINDGRABBER inside



Internal porous deflector plate and turbine

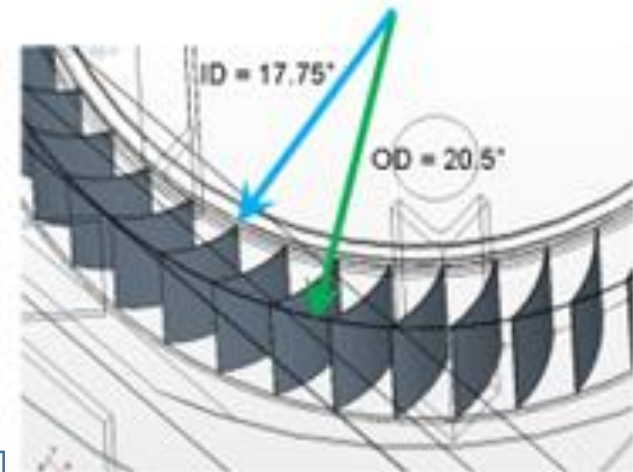


Turbine and diverter walls



Turbine blade geometry

**@ 9% Camber**





Static CFD results

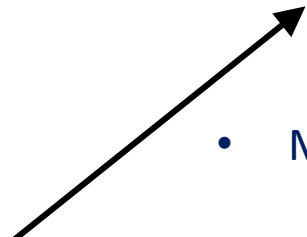
- Blade geometry performance
  - Geom 1: Torque = 4.89 N\*m
  - NACA 1: Torque = 4.76 N\*m
  - Curved Plate: Torque = 6.52 N\*m
- Enclosure geometry performance
  - Total flow
    - Geom 1: 1.58 kg/s
    - NACA 1: 1.88 kg/s
    - Curved Plate: 1.79 kg/s
  - Primary flow
    - Geom 1: 1.19 kg/s
    - NACA 1: 1.264 kg/s
    - Curved Plate: 1.273 kg/s
  - Secondary flow
    - Geom 1: 0.39 kg/s
    - NACA 1: 0.619 kg/s
    - Curved plate: 0.523 kg/s

Rotating Frame of Reference CFD results

- Torque and Power
  - Curved Plate 3.0 RPS: 3.4189 N\*m (64.4 W)
  - Curved Plate 3.5 RPS: 2.957 N\*m (65.0 W)
  - Curved Plate 4.77 RPS: 2.0112 N\*m (60.3 W)
- Mass Flow
  - Total flow
    - Curved Plate 3.0 RPS: 1.688 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 3.5 RPS: 1.668 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 4.77 RPS: 1.656 kg/s
  - Primary flow
    - Curved Plate 3.0 RPS: 1.359 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 3.5 RPS: 1.3738 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 4.77 RPS: 1.428 kg/s
  - Secondary flow
    - Curved Plate 3.0 RPS: 0.3286 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 3.5 RPS: 0.2944 kg/s
    - Curved Plate 4.77 RPS: 0.2277 kg/s

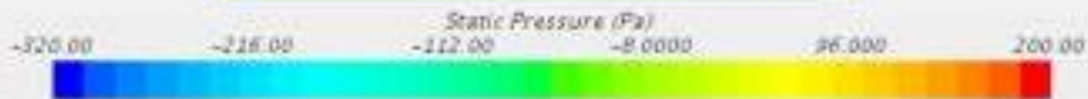
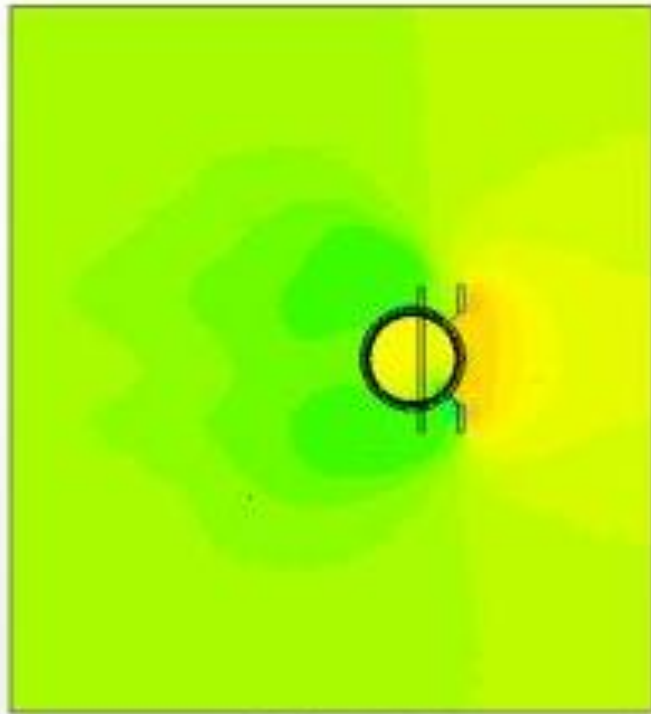
**P = Power Calculation**  
**(At most efficient rps point)**

**$P = 2 * \pi * N * T$**   
 **$T = 2.957 \text{ N*m (torque)}$**   
 **$N = \text{rev/s} = 3.5$**   
 **$P = 65.0 \text{ W}$**



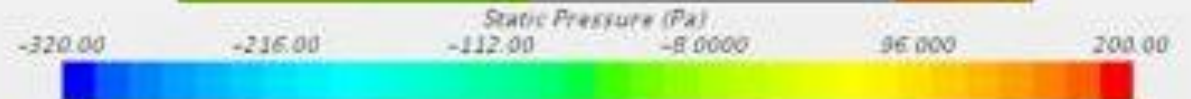
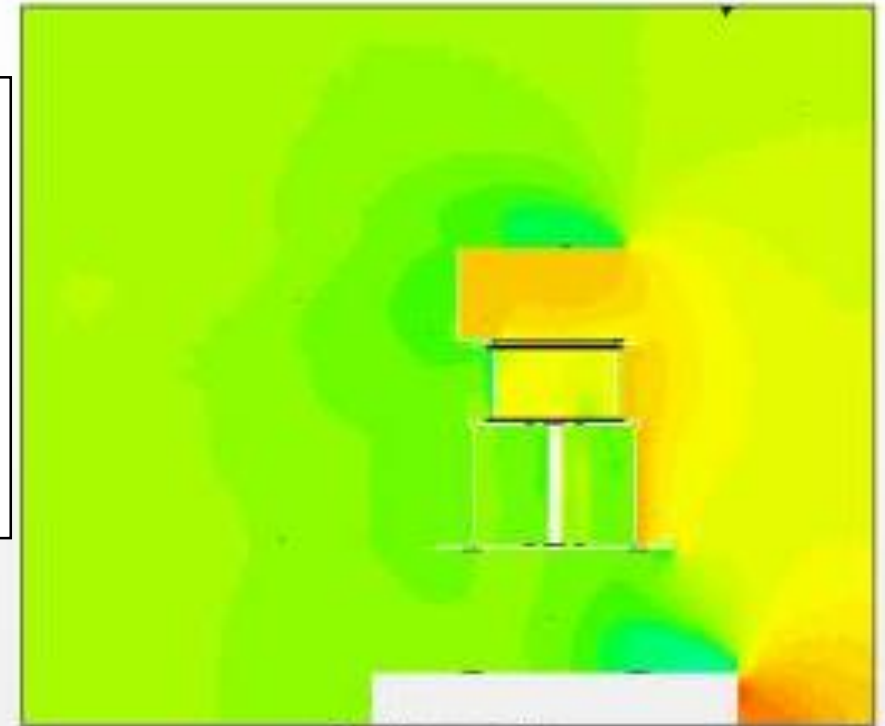


## Results – Static Pressure Contours



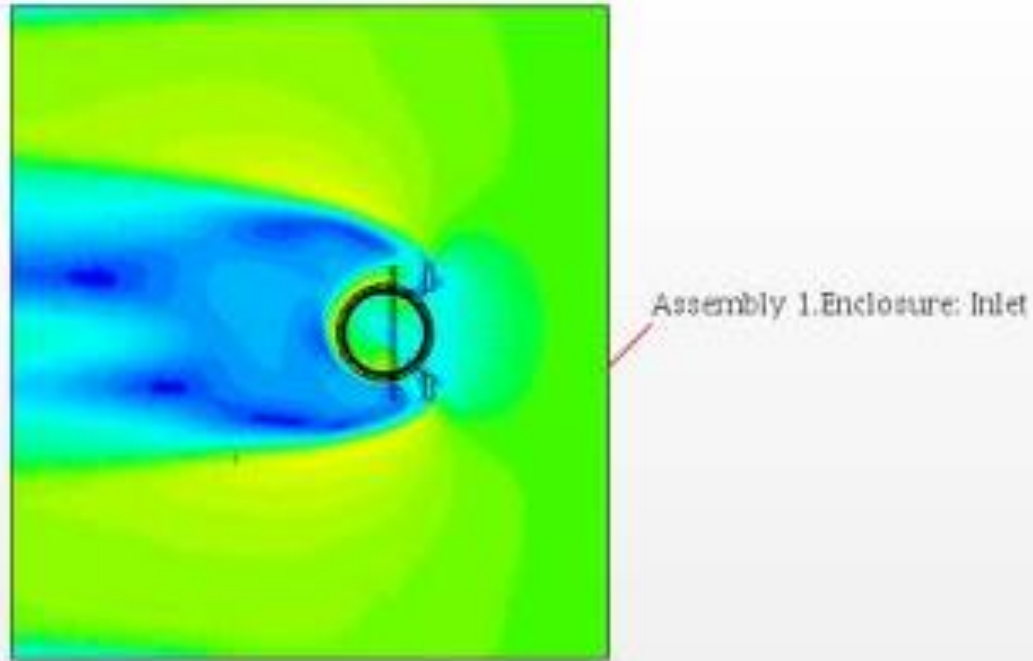
Horz. cut through center of rotor

All Math Modeling by Czero Was Conducted Using Rotating Frame of Reference Math Modeling Software With Solidworks 2017 Used for 3D CAD Models and STAR CCM+ Used for CFD Analysis.

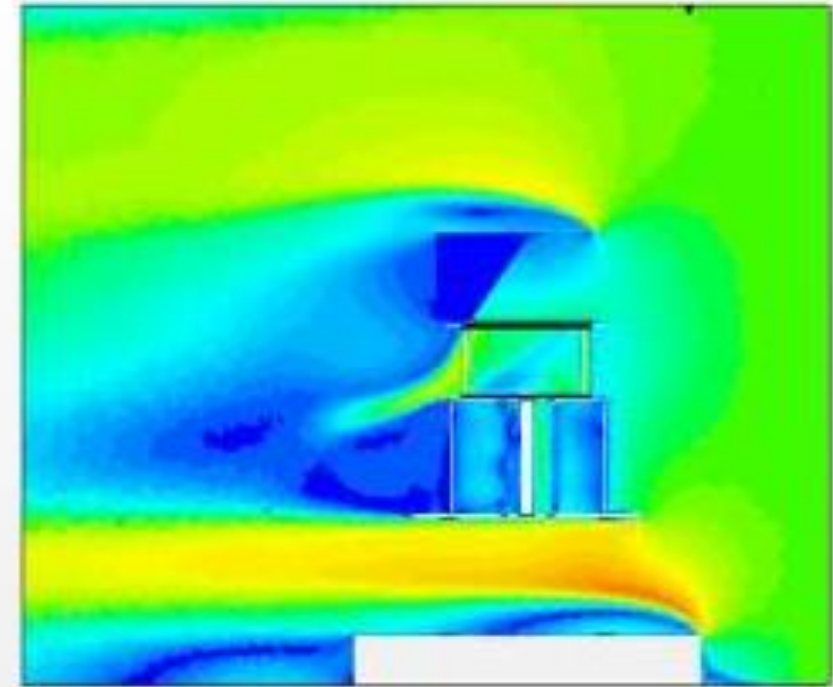


Vertical cut through center of windgrabber

## Results – Velocity Contours



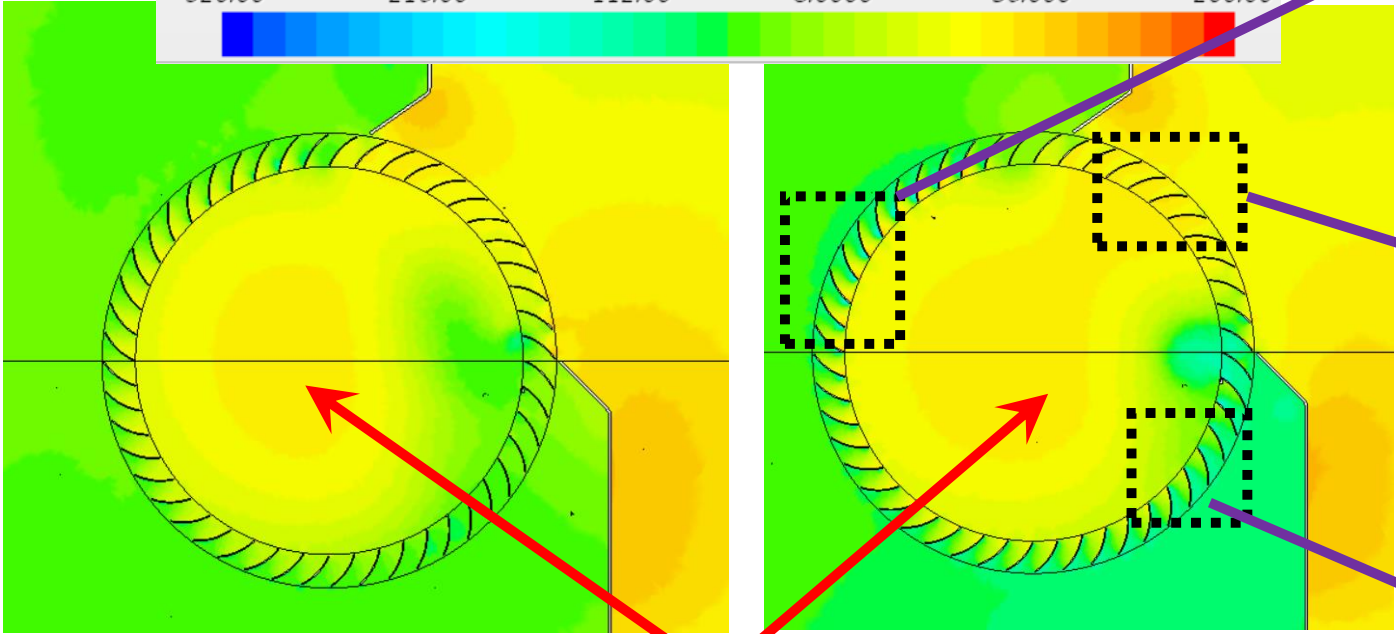
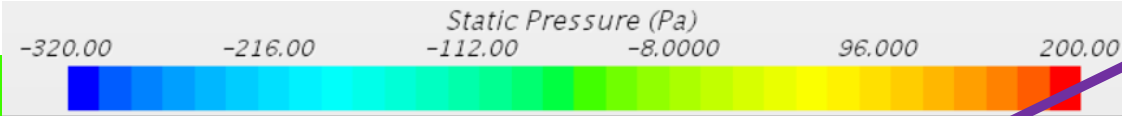
Horz. cut through center of rotor



Vertical cut through center of windgrabber

# Rotating (3.5 RPS) vs Stationary – Static Pressures Contours

Horizontal cut through center of rotor

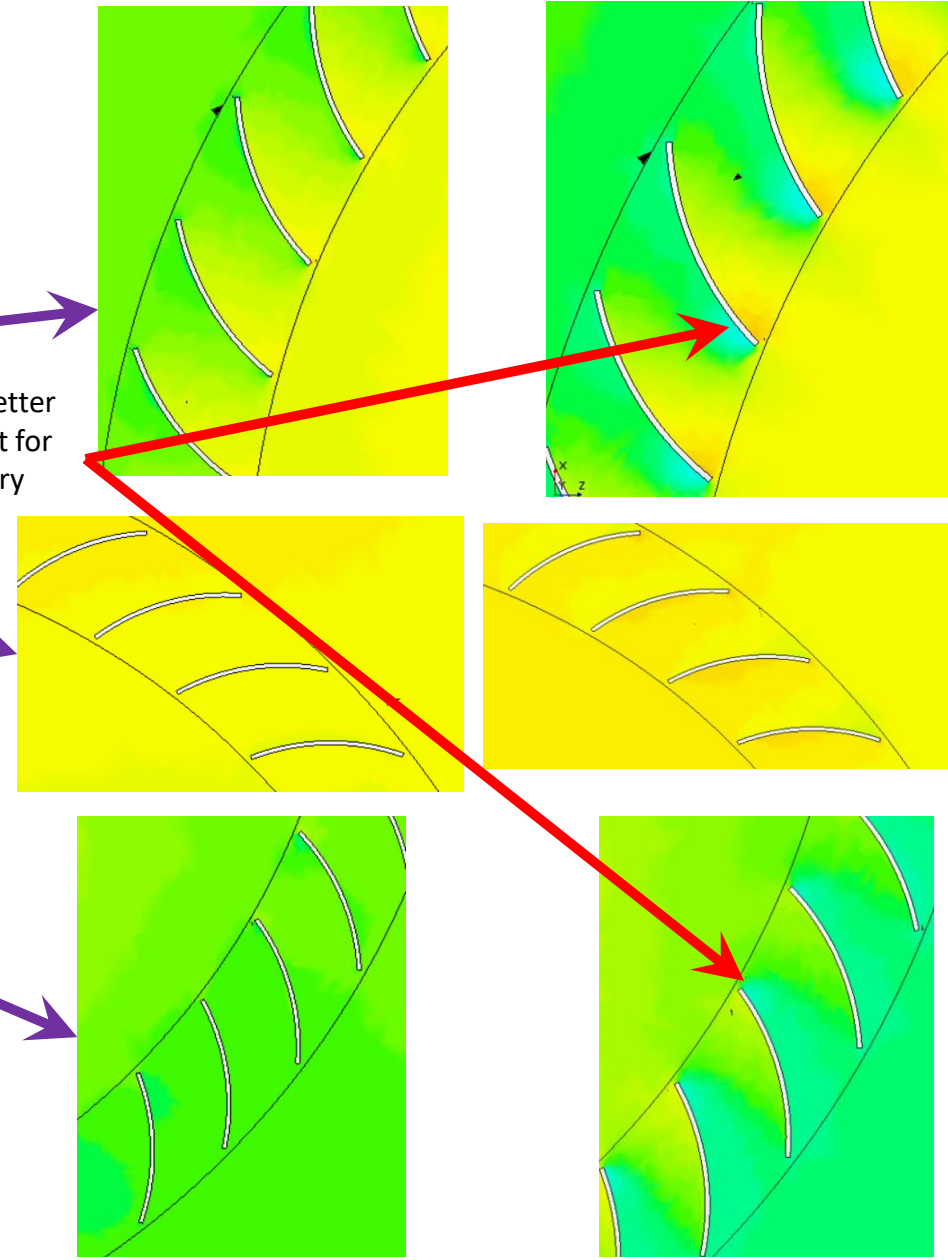


Rotating

Stationary

Larger area of high static pressure in center of the rotor for stationary results

Much better blade lift for stationary results



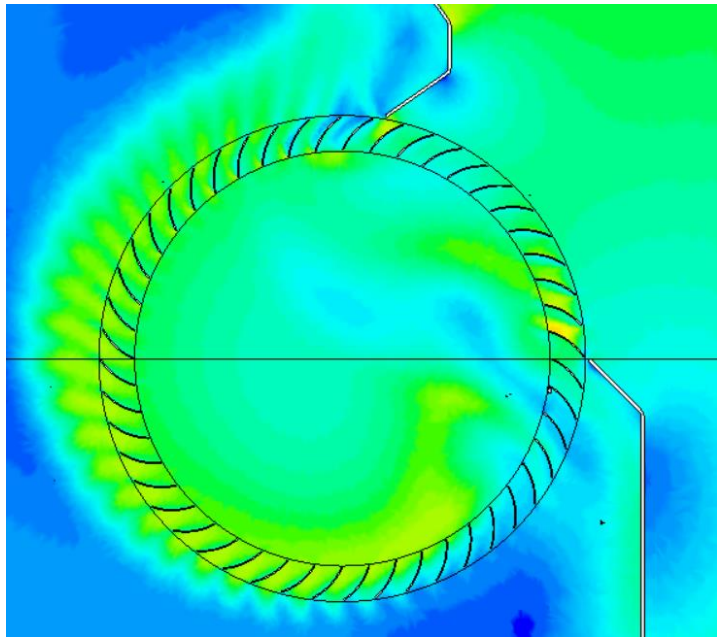
Details around blades

Rotating

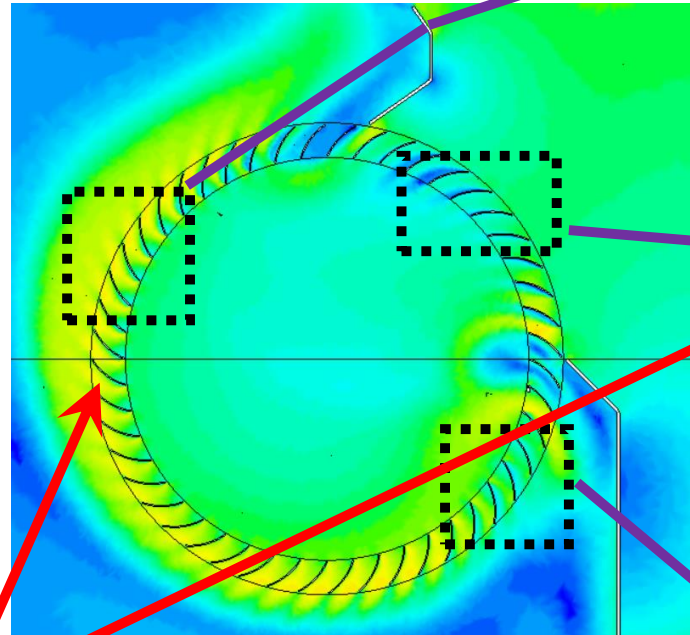
Stationary

## Rotating (3.5 RPS) vs Stationary – Velocity Contours

Horizontal cut through center of rotor

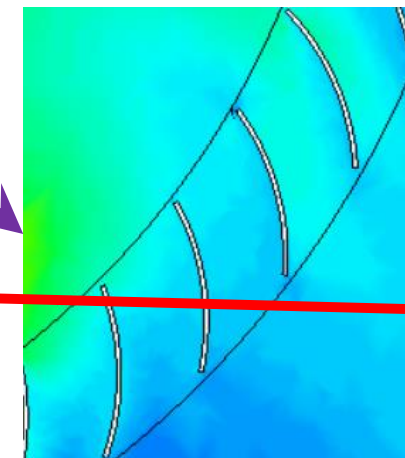
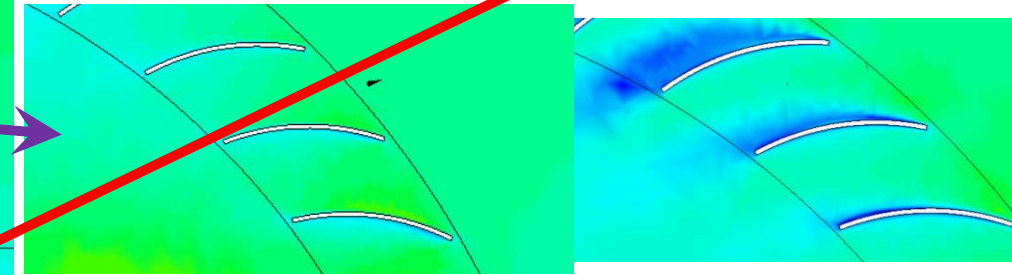
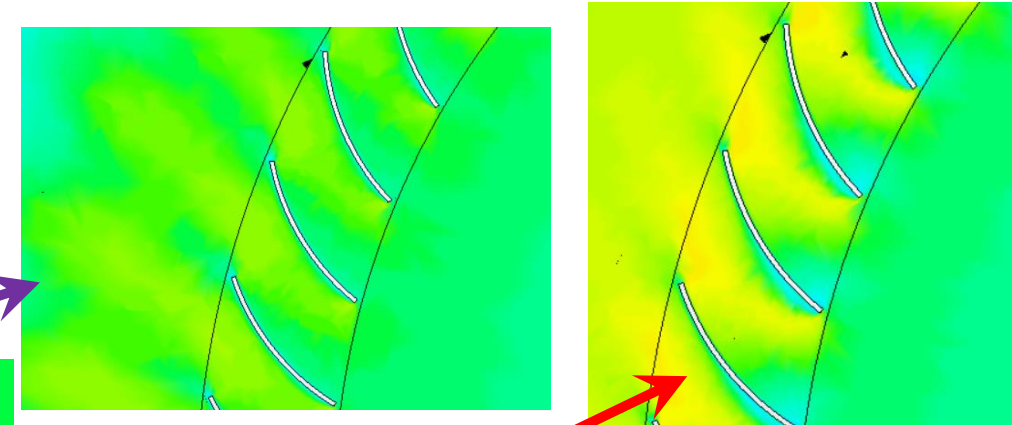
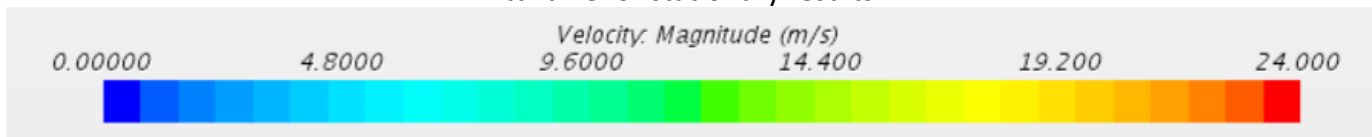


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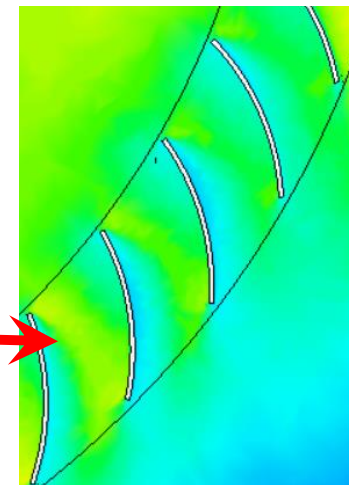


Stationary

Higher velocities through turbine for stationary results



Rotating



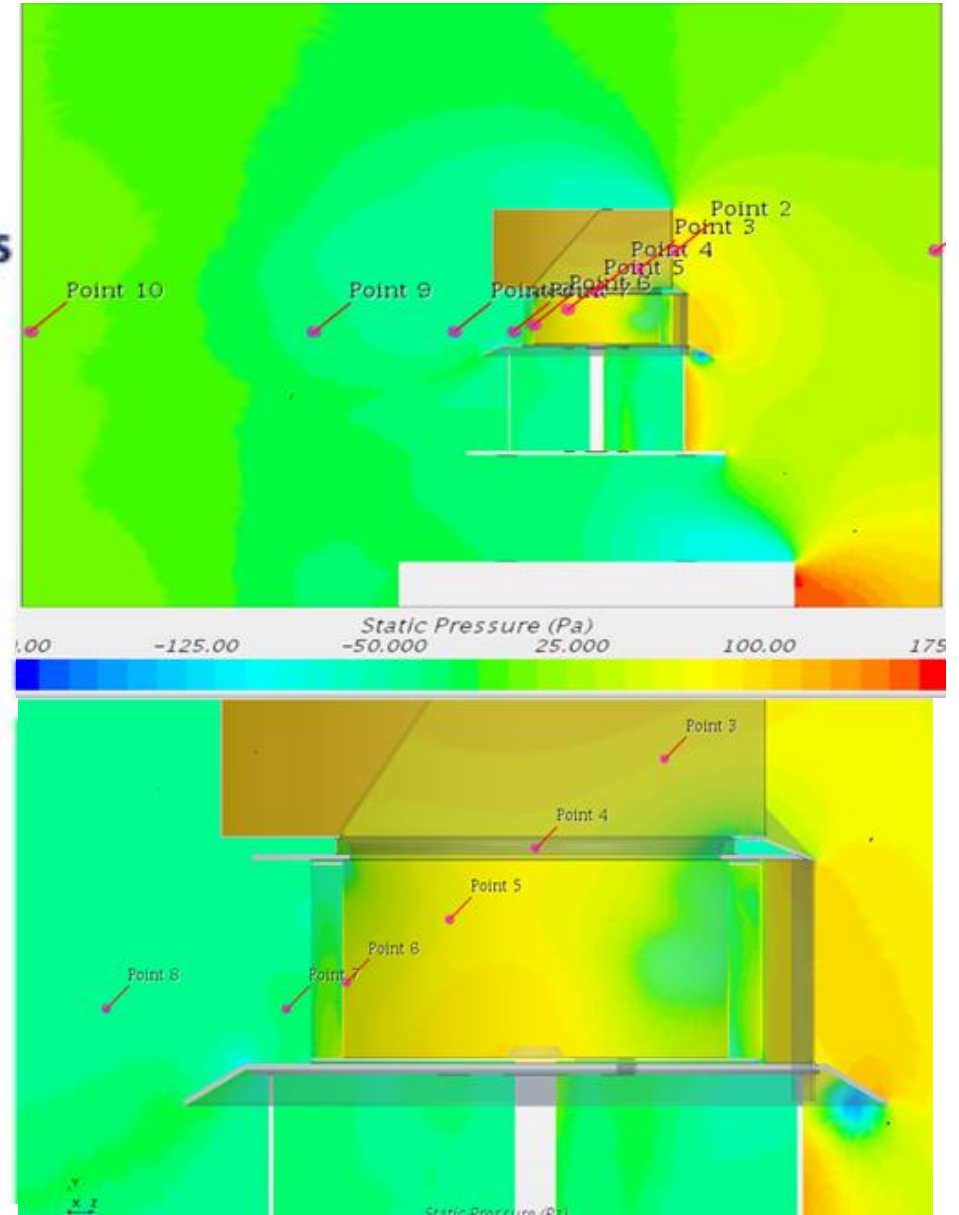
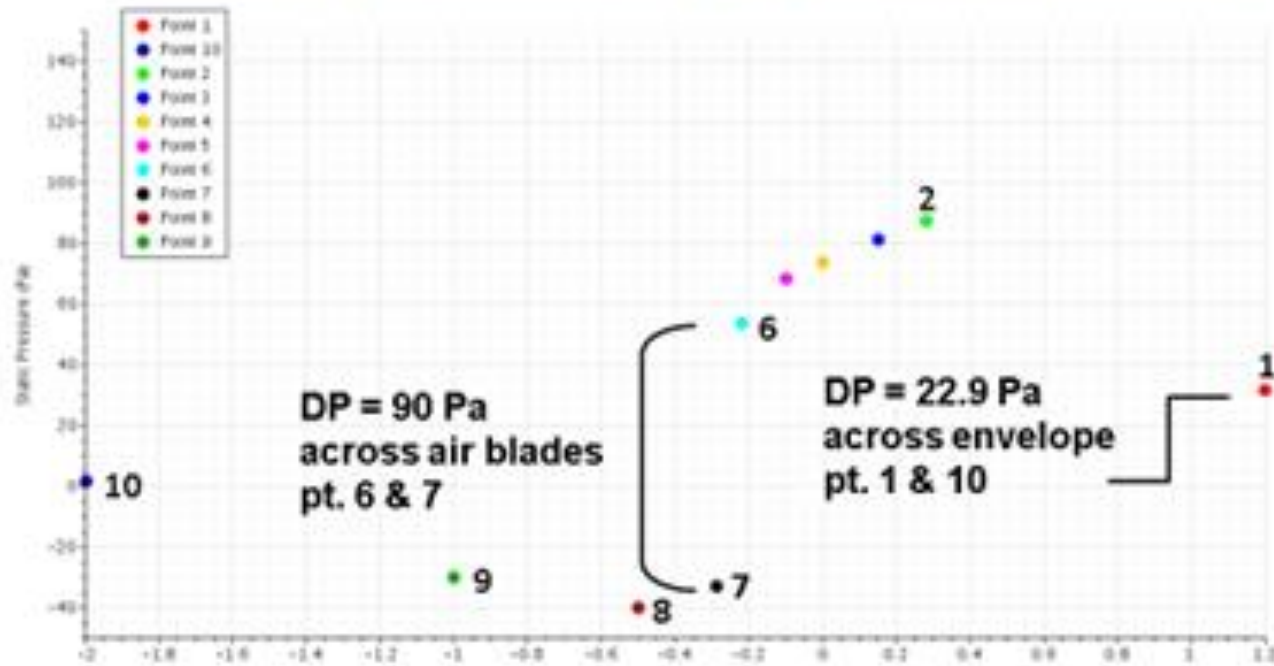
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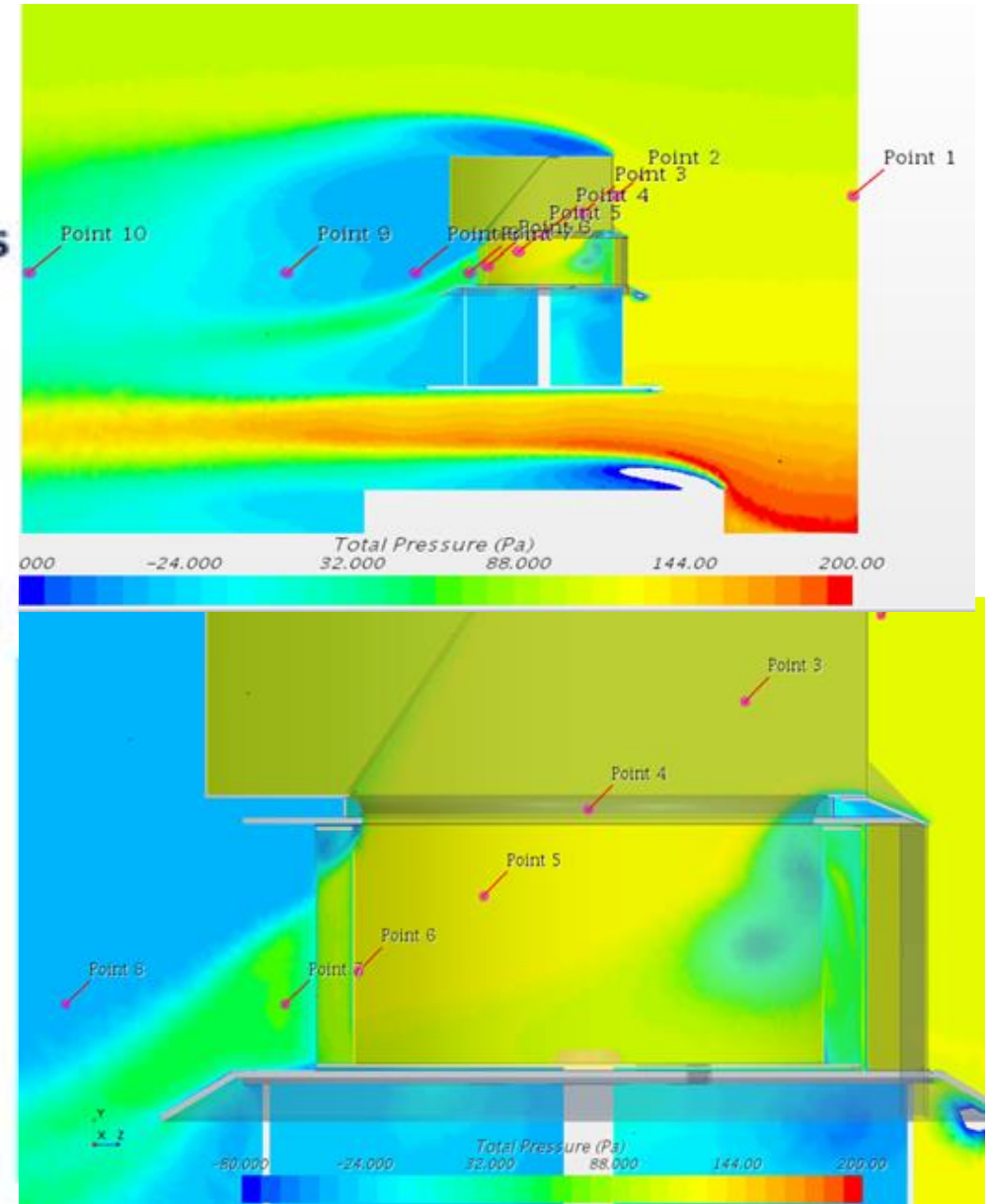
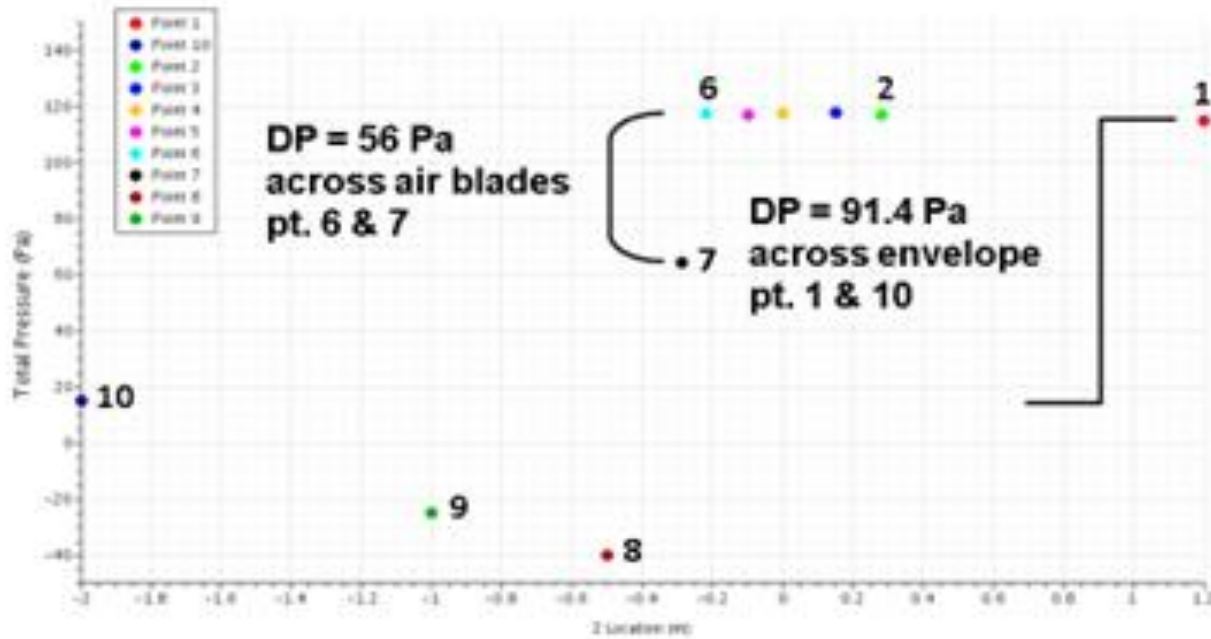


### Rotating Case 2c Results – Static Pressures @ 3.5 rps

Pressures at specified points along the WINDGRABBER centerline



**Rotating Case 2c Results – Total Pressures @ 3.5 rps**  
Pressures at specified points along the WINDGRABBER centerline



# Latest Rimrock, AZ Prototype Field Test Unit





**Original Lomanco 14" Roof Top Turbine Ventilator Wind Turbine Rotor Assembly**

**Original 18.25" OD x 6 11/16" High New York Blower Wind Turbine Rotor Assembly**

**Original 20.5" OD x 8" High Central Blower Wind Turbine Rotor Assembly with ~17% Camber**

**Original K – 2 MFC, LLC 20.5" OD x 8.0" High Wind Turbine Rotor Assembly with 6% Camber**

**Final K – 2 MFC, LLC 20.5" OD x 6.25" High Wind Turbine Rotor Assembly with 9% Camber**



# Rimrock Prototype Test Unit Results ~ 28 MPH Wind Conditions

Item Description	Lomanco Wind Turbine Driven Ventilator	Lomanco Wind Turbine Driven Ventilator	NYB Company Std. Air Foil Bladed Acustafoil Type Blower Wheel	Central Blower Co. Specially Designed Forwardly Curved Air Foil Air Bladed Blower Wheel @ 16% Camber	K – 2 Mfr. Co. Specially Designed Backwardly Curved Air Foil Air Bladed Rotor @ 6% Camber	K – 2 Mfr. Co. Specially Designed Backwardly Curved Air Foil Air Bladed Rotor @ 9% Camber
No. of Air Blades	21	21	10	48	48	48
Inlet Air Scoop to Flow Tube Area Ratio	12:1	2:1	1.55:1	1.55:1	1.55/1	1.55:1
Inter-Air Blade Open Flow Area – sq. ft.	1.0	1.0	0.75	1.25	2.25	1.75
DC Voltage Output - vdc	6.7	4.75	6.6	7.1	6.8	7.6
Mtr-Gen Elec Power Output in Watts @ 28 MPH Wind Speed	6.23 watts	3.13 watts	6 watts	7 watts	6.5 watts	8 watts
Turbine Mech Power Output in Watts @ 28 MPH Wind Speed	~22 watts Mech	~11 watts Mech	~21 watts Mech ~35 watts @ 50 MPH	~24.6 watts Mech	~22.8 watts Mech	~28 watts Mech

Motor - Generator DC Power Calculated from  $P = E^2 / R$  @ 28.5% Electrical + Timing Belt Efficiency.



**Czero Prototype Test Unit Math Modeled Power Output to the Rimrock, AZ Prototype Test Unit Comparison**

Czero Air blade torque sum based calculations = 65 watts #

# [Effective Wind's Air Power to Air Blades]

Aerodynamic Efficiency =	}	92%
[Combined Aero-Mech Efficiencies = 82.8%]		
Mechanical Efficiency =	}	90%
Speed Increasing System Efficiency =		95%
Motor-Generator Electrical Efficiency =		95%
Remaining Electrical Sys. Efficiency =		95%
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Total Wind Turbine System Efficiency =		70%

**65** Watts x 70% = 45.5 Watts Elec From Motor-Generator.

Czero math modeled wind turbine rotor assembly with a 20.5 inch OD x 8.5 inch ID high rotor wheel with 48 air foil air blades with a 9% camber and an inter-air blade air velocity of ~ 23.6 fps at 28 MPH wind speed and a rotor rotational design speed of 3.5 rps.

$T = 2 \times \text{Pi} \times N \times T = 65 \text{ watts}$  = The Total power transferred from the wind to the air blades, or, the Total Usable Torque generated by the wind turbine assembly at a tangent to the air foil air blades.

Rimrock Prototype Test Unit Electrical Output = 8 Watts \*

\* [Calc'd From  $P = E^2 / R$  From The 300 Watt Motor - Gen. vdc Output]

43.2%	}	54%	(Approximated to Balance Comparison)
		80%	(2 HD Support Bearings + 12 LB. Rotor)
		95%	(60 / 10 Timing Belt Speed Increasing Ratio)
		30%	(300 Watt DC Motor Used as DC Gen.)
		Included above	
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		12.3%	

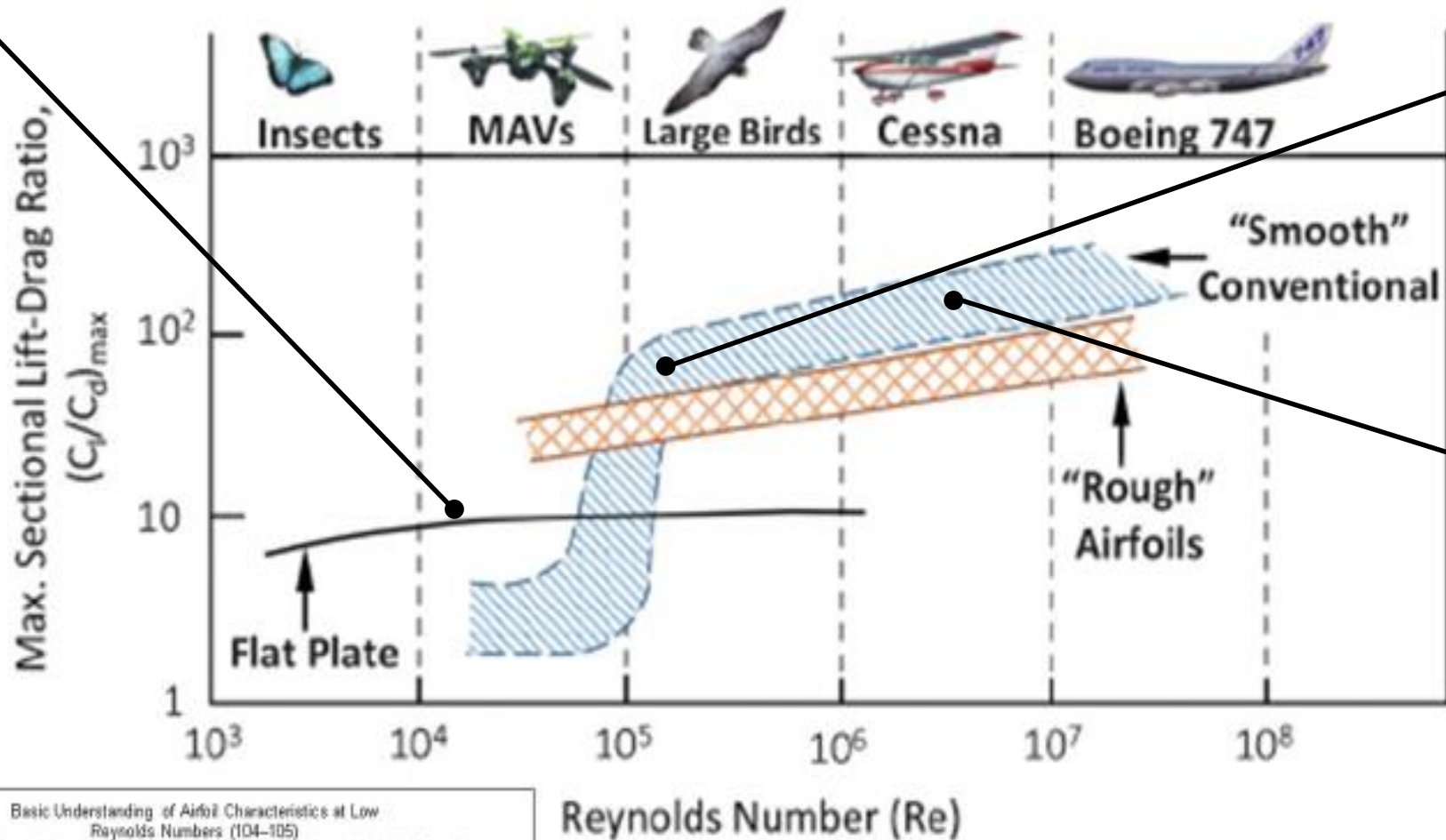
8 Watts Elec / 12.3% = **65** Watts Effective Wind's Air Power to Air Blades

\* Note:  $P = E^2 / R$  = watts of DC Power Output: from Page 18, Industrial Electricity; Third Edition; by Hester Dawes.

Rimrock, AZ Prototype Test Unit – Air Foil Air Bladed wind turbine rotor assembly with a 20.5 inch OD x 6.25 inch Inside Clear Height rotor wheel with 48 air foil air blades with a 9% camber and an inter-air blade air velocity of ~ 32.13 fps at 28 MPH wind speed and a rotor rotational speed approximated at 3.5 rps.

**Overcoming the Reynolds Number Effect on an Air Foil Air Bladed Radial Outflow Wind Turbine**

Rimrock, AZ  
Prototype  
Test Unit



Next Generation  
WINDGRABBER®  
Prototype Test  
Unit

Full Scale Future  
WINDGRABBER®  
Commercialized  
Unit

Basic Understanding of Airfoil Characteristics at Low Reynolds Numbers (10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup>)  
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**Determination of the Reynolds Number Effect on an Air Foil Air Bladed Radial Outflow Wind Turbine**

At a 0.035 Mach Number

**WINDGRABBER® Size Rating**  
48 Air Foil Bladed  
Rotor Assembly

**Reynolds No.**  
Inter-air foil  
air blades

**WINDGRABBER®**  
Enclosure Air Resistance  
& Shock Losses

- **50 watts**
- **100 watts**
- **1,000 watts**
- **67 kWe**
- **100 kWe**
- **200 kWe**

**$2.8 \times 10^4$**

**$4.0 \times 10^4$**

**$1.2 \times 10^5$**

**$1.0 \times 10^6$**

**$1.2 \times 10^6$**

**$1.7 \times 10^6$**

**$2.0 - 3.6 \times 10^5$**

**$3.0 - 5.0 \times 10^5$**

**$0.9 - 1.5 \times 10^6$**

**$0.7 - 1.3 \times 10^6$**

**$0.9 - 1.5 \times 10^7$**

**$1.3 - 2.2 \times 10^7$**





# Rimrock Prototype Test Unit Conclusions

- **WINDGRABBER® Demonstrated Ideas & Concepts Work!**
- **WINDGRABBER® USPTO Patents Proved Valid!**
- **Rimrock Pilot Unit Too Small To Conduct Valid and Potential Future Low Rotor RPM Air Foil type Air Blade R&D Work.**
- **WINDGRABBER® Single and Multi-Phased Wind Systems Both have Future Application.**
- **Pure Air Foil Type Air Blades Do Not Perform Well at Very Low Mach and/or Reynolds Numbers. Jury Still Out on Large Building Applications.**
- **The WINDGRABBER® Passively Actuated Inlet Air Scoop Works as Predicted with Either Single or Dual Flow Types of Multi-Phased Wind WINDGRABBER® Enclosure Systems.**
- **WINDGRABBER® Air Foil Air Bladed Rotors are Quiet!**
- **Future R&D Work Should Focus on the Development of BCK Consulting, LLC, USPTO Patented Advanced H – Rotor Savonius & Darrieus type WINDGRABBER® Wind Turbine Systems for Full Integration with the WINDGRABBER® Enclosure Technology.**
- **A WINDGRABBER® Enclosure & Wind Turbine System is Still Desired to Meet Future Demands for Small & Intermediately Sized Wind Power Systems For Use in Urban & Suburban Areas where Solar Power Alternatives Are Not Viable or Desired.**



## • **WINDGRABBER® Future Recommendations**

- **Assemble A WINDGRABBER® R&D Application Team to Conduct Product Improvement & Cost Engineering Studies to Obtain Future Applied Research & Development Type Grant Funding for Full Commercialization and Application of the WINDGRABBER® Technology for Future Homes, Small Offices and Large Buildings.**
- **Assemble A WINDGRABBER® R&D Test Team to Propose a Next Phase Prototype Test & Demonstration Program In a 3 to 5 kWe Size Range for Next Phase R & D Grant Funding To Conduct a Practicable WINDGRABBER® Enclosure and Wind Turbine System R&D Collaborative Program.**
- **Team to Propose an Advanced Radial Outflow / Cross Flow Type of Wind Turbine System of Either a Pure Squirrel Cage - Air Foil or a Hybrid H - Rotor Savonius Combination Air Foil Lift – Drag Flow Type Design with WINDGRABBER® Wind Energy Power Enhancements.**



# BCK Consulting, LLC Future Plans & Objectives

- ❖ **WINDGRABBER® USPTO Patented Technology**
  - ❖ **WINDGRABBER® USPTO Trademark**
  - ❖ **WINDGRABBER® Rimrock Prototype Systems & Equipment**
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- **Continue On as Before & Provide Consulting Services to Others**
- **Team Up With Others to Submit a NSF or USDOE - SBIR or STTR type Program Proposal for 100% R&D Grant Funding**
- **License Out Technology to Others**
- **Sell Technology & Prototype Field Test Unit Systems & Equipment**
- **Auction Off WINDGRABBER® to Highest Bidder or Bidders**

***End Of Formal  
Presentation***

**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

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**Latest Rimrock, AZ  
Prototype Field Test Unit  
Set Up**



DP	DQ	DR	DS	DT	DU	DV	DW	DX	DY	DZ	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE	EF	EG	EH	EI	EJ	EK	EL	EM	EN
<b>MULTI-PHASED WINDGRABBER® Vertical Axis Wind Turbine System Calculations - Proof of Concept - TABLE A</b>																							Optimized Shock & Resistance Loss $K_L$ Factors Calculated	
<b>MULTI-PHASED WINDGRABBER® Controlled Volume, One Dimensional Analysis Input / Output Data Spreadsheet</b>																							Includes Shock & Resistance Losses	
NO.	Units	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Eff Elec.		<b>WG Pwr</b> Watts <b>51.76</b>										
Test Case Cond's		WIND Data	Air Scoop & Screen	Inlet Trans Fer Duct	Flow Tube Inlet	Flow Tube Section	Turb. Inlet Section	Foil Inlet Section	Foil Flow Section	Wind Turb. Disch. Duct	Exit Plenum & Disch. Screen	12.9%												
Vp <sub>wu</sub>	ft/sec	41.07	IMPACT	1 to 0.80 REVERSE PITOT TUBE WINDGRABBER® DRAG FACTOR = D <sub>f</sub> =							0.88500	1.28			-0.0936	Eff Mech.								
M1/M9 MASS FLOW	lbs/sec	PARTIAL	3.029	3.029	3.029	3.029	3.677	3.677	3.677	3.677	3.677	16.2%												
CALC. AREA		Stagnation	CHAMBER	BERNOULLI's CALCULATIONS PLUS TURBINE POWER CALCULATIONS											DRAG	Eff Inlet Area.								
P <sub>s</sub> - (above Atm.)	"wg	0.0275	0.2976	0.2864	0.2012	0.2012	0.1828	0.1828	0.159	-0.1650	-0.0689	17.8%												
V <sub>h</sub>	"wg	0.3382	0.0681	0.0793	0.1644	0.1644	0.1829	0.1829	0.2070	0.1370	0.0409	Eff Rotor Prof.												
P <sub>t</sub> - (above Atm.)	"wg	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	0.3657	-0.0280	-0.0280	59.4%												
V <sub>1</sub>	ft/sec	41.07	18.43	19.89	28.64	28.64	30.20	30.20	32.13	26.14	14.28	Eff Rotor												
System Press Loss per Each Section - "wg			0.0168	0.0079	0.0165	0.0165	0.0230	0.0183	0.0497	0.0137	0.0450	72.0%												
Total Sys. Press. Loss = dPs = Pr	"wg	0.2075	Total Pwr Enhancement Factor = 38%				E <sub>a</sub> X E <sub>m</sub> %		80.00%		dPs = 0.3478													
VD	ft/sec	41.0667	Wind Inlet Impact Factor = W <sub>IF</sub> (%) & Flow Tube/Wind Velocity = FT <sub>WVSP</sub> (%)				Turb Pwr. Watts		57.52		dPt = 0.3937													
MD	lbs/sec	3.26	69.74% ← FT <sub>WVSP</sub> = 100 - 60%				Turb dP <sub>T</sub> "wg		0.1862		TOTAL TURB PRESS DIFF													
Q <sub>D</sub>	ft^3/sec	48.5	108.13% ← W <sub>IF</sub> = 100 - 200%				E <sub>e</sub> X E <sub>ee</sub> %		90.00%		Pt DRAG -0.0280 "wg													
QT <sub>1</sub>	CFM	2,913	Flow Tube D <sub>FT</sub> (in.) = 17.00				E <sub>T</sub> %		72.00%		EFFECT = 7.66%													
V <sub>9</sub>	ft/sec	14.28	Turb Rtr. D <sub>TO</sub> (in.) = 20.50				WG Pwr. Watts		51.76		RADIAL TURB ELEC OUT													
V <sub>h9</sub>	Pa	0.0409	Pr(%) = 52.70%				2nd Phase Wind Contribution		21.42%		Watts													
V <sub>pwd</sub>	ft/sec	41.07	Inter Air Foil Air Blade Velocity = 50% to 100% of Wind Speed or Ver. = 78.24%				Shock & Friction Losses Due to Air Flow Thru WG Duct Work & Turbine Rotor Assembly - Including Air Blade Shock & Friction Losses Considered. Pressure Losses due to Drag Effect across Air Foils and/or changes in Air Foil Lift/ Drag & Torque Efficiency Approximated.		52		"Fan Output or Air Power = the Product of the Fan or Wind Turbine Volumetric Flow Rate, the Total Pressure Differential and the Compressibility Coefficient".													
T <sub>a</sub>	°F	59	Inter Air Foil Air Blade to Wind Velocity Ratio = 0.782				V <sub>10</sub> / V <sub>19</sub>		= 0.348		TABLE A: Check Calc's: The Ducted Radial Outflow Wind Turbine Air Power = 1 / 6354 x 32.13 ft / sec x 1.576 ft^2 x 60 sec / min x [(0.3657 - (-0.0280)) "wg minus all System Resistances & Shock Losses of 0.0275"wg] x 72 % System Eff. x 746 Watts / EHP with a 2nd Phase Air Flow of an additional 21.42%, or, a 1.2142 multiplier effect) = 51.8 Watts of Electric Power with a Radial Out Flow Wind Turbine OD of 1.7083 ft. , a Flow Tube ID of 1.4176 ft., and with a Drag Factor = 0.8850, and a - 0.0280 / 0.3657 = a 7.66% Outlet Drag Pressure Effect at the WG Enclosure System discharge and an Inlet Impact Pressure Effect of 0.3657/0.3382 = 1.0813, or + 8.13%, or a (0.3657 - 0.3382) = 0.0275 "wg Kinetic Energy Effect, at a 1.55 :1.00 WG Air Scoop Inlet to Flow Tube Inlet Area Ratio.													
T <sub>a</sub>	"Hg	26.252	Flow Tube Inlet ID = DFT				WINDGRABBER Radial Outflow Air Turbine with Air Foil Air Blades		V <sub>10</sub> / V <sub>19</sub>		= 0.348													
Q <sub>a</sub> @ T <sub>a</sub> & P <sub>a</sub> Cond's	lbs/ft^3	0.067095	TEST CASE				Turbine Center @ FT Inlet		At Air Foil Inlets		FTSP/Air Foil Flow Area@ inlets													
QT <sub>9</sub>	CFM	3,288	AIR FOIL CROSS SECTIONAL OPEN FLOW AREA & MASS FLOW RATE THRU SYSTEM SET POINTS				% FT / Wind Vel.		1.815		1.815													
Cross Sect. Areas A <sub>CSF</sub> @ 0, 1 & 2	ft^2	2.450	2.270				1.576		1.182		1.706													
Cross Sect. Areas A <sub>CSF</sub> @ 3 & 4	ft^2	COMPRESSION STAGE				2.07		1.92		1.3333														
Cross Sect. Areas A <sub>CSF</sub> @ 5, 6 & 7	ft^2	2.07				1.92		1.3333		0.9298														
Cross Sect. Areas A <sub>CSF</sub> @ 8 & 9	ft^2	1.77				1.70		1.4167		1.44														
Cross Sect. Area Ratios; A <sub>CSF</sub> SP's	-- / --	2.07				1.92		1.3333		1.774														
Equivalent Round Duct I.D.	ft.	1.77				1.70		1.4167		1.634														
D <sub>f</sub>		2.8570	4.0500	5.5288	12.4185	17.5814	55.6978	68.2261	78.7879	88.0931	96.5957	111.4424	124.6019	1.22687										
Watts		100	500	1,000	5,000	10,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	300,000	400,000	500,000	51.76										
FTID-R		1.7200	3.8970	6.3841	14.3396	20.3013	64.3142	78.7807	90.9765	101.7212	111.4351	128.6826	143.8779	1.4167										

NOTE: For each size of WINDGRABBER D<sub>f</sub> Set Point Size, Please go to Spreadsheet 9 to adjust cell H13 to make cell H17 = H18.

**English Units**

**Centrally Supported and Passively Rotated Inlet Air Scoop at 2 : 1 Air Scoop Inlet to Flow Tube Inlet Area Ratio. Can Be Replaced with a 1 : 1 or up to a 6 : 1 Inlet Area Ratio in the Field**

**Lower Diverter Plate Support Plate #**

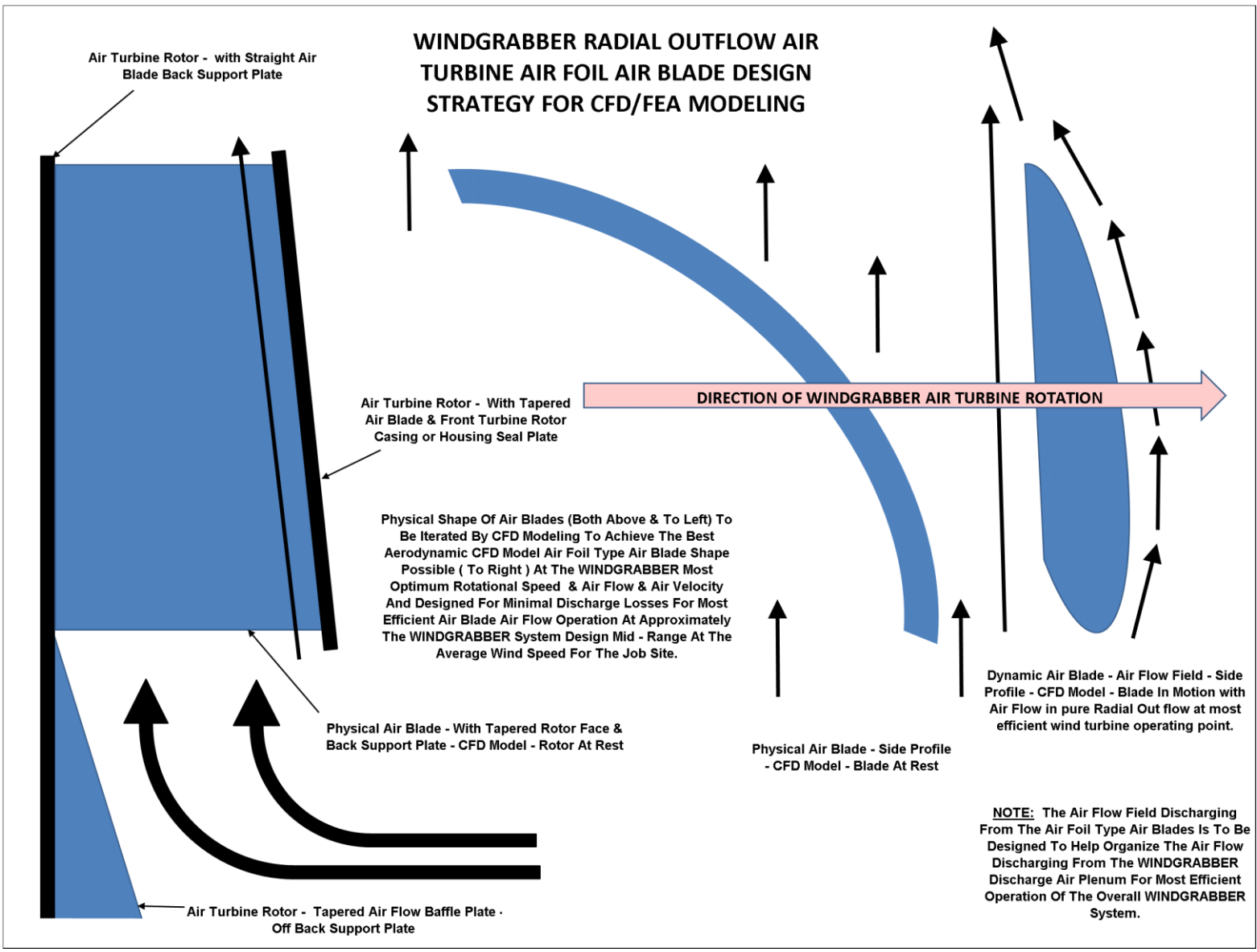
Primary Dimensions for Multi Phased WINDGRABBER for Preliminary Design Purposes @				28.0	MPH	52	Watts
<b>MULTIPHASED WIND FLOW</b>				kWe		0.05	
				MPH		Kwh/day	
				28.0		2.4	
				15.1		0.4	
				Eff <sub>OA</sub>		12.9%	
				C <sub>F</sub> =		30.0%	
				P <sub>Mech.</sub> =		16.2%	
Wind Turbine Overall Electrical & Mechanical Profile Efficiency							

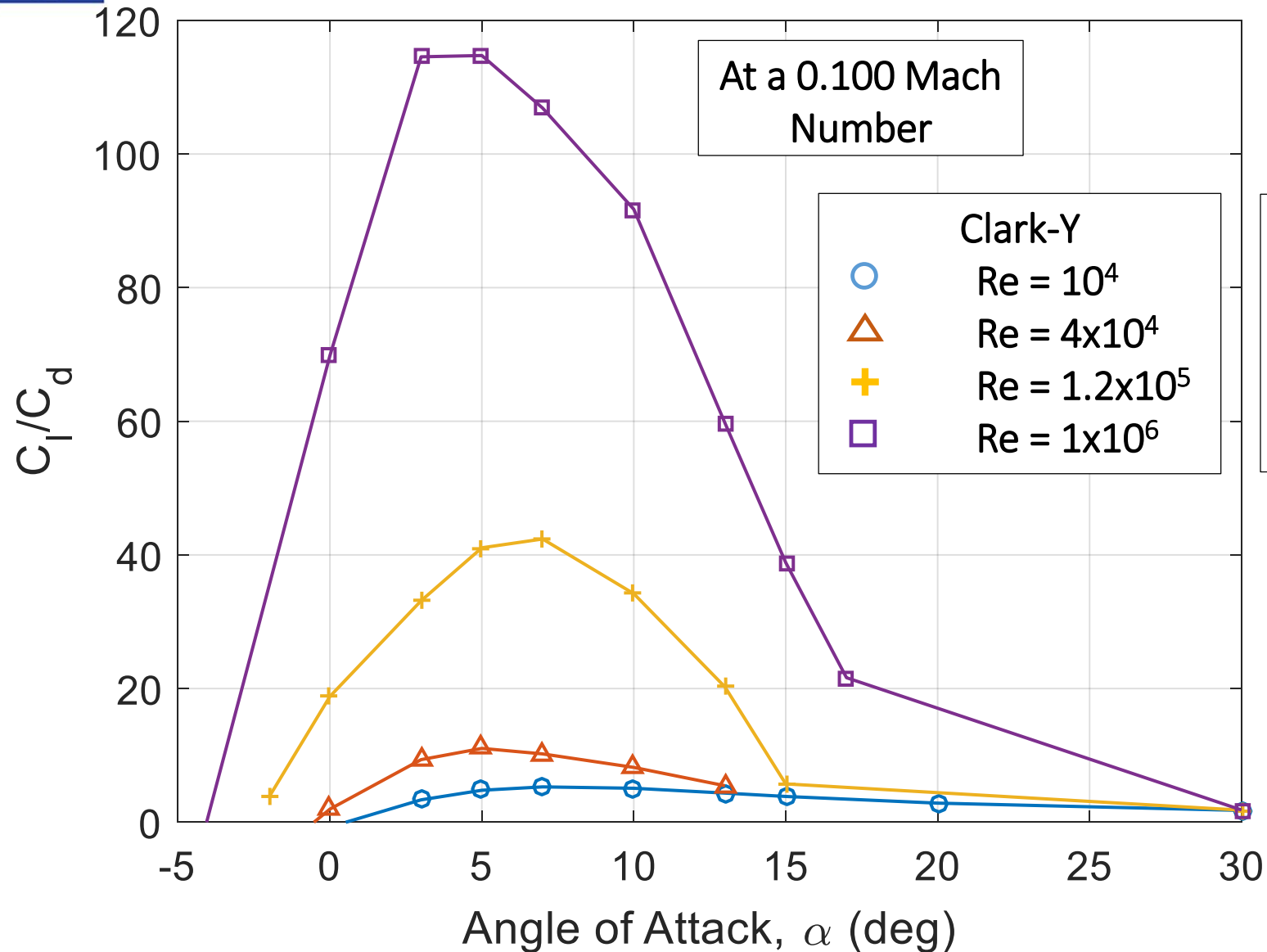
  

DIM.	Sizing Factor	Component Size (ft. / in.)	Overall Size (ft. / in.)	Des. Area & Vol (ft <sup>2</sup> & ft <sup>3</sup> )	Des. Area & Vol (ft <sup>2</sup> & ft <sup>3</sup> )			
D <sub>FT</sub>	1.00	1.42	17.0	3.14 X D <sub>FT</sub> <sup>2</sup> / 4	1.58			
H <sub>S</sub>	0.86	1.218	14.6	Air Scoop to Flow Tube Duct Area Ratio				
~ R <sub>S</sub>	0.71	1.006	12.1	Air Scoop Inlet Flow Area	2			
~ L <sub>d</sub>	0.50	0.875	10.50	% - Turb. Inlet Throat to Flow Tube Velocity				
H <sub>FT</sub>	0.029	0.042	0.500	D <sub>T0</sub> x W <sub>T</sub> x 3.1416 x 270 / 360	2.10			
H <sub>D</sub>	W <sub>T</sub> + H <sub>FT</sub> + BC <sub>L</sub> =		0.745	Turbine Air Blade Throat Inlet Area	2			
H <sub>OA</sub>			1.96	D <sub>OP</sub> x W <sub>T</sub> x 3.1416 x 270 / 360				
D <sub>OA</sub>	1.2351	1.75	1.75			21.00		
D <sub>OP</sub>	1.5440	2.19	2.19	H <sub>OA</sub> X D <sub>OP</sub> Profile				
D <sub>TO</sub>	1.2060	1.71	1.71			20.50		
D <sub>TI</sub>	1.0438	1.48	1.48	WINDGRABBER Exit Section / Turb Throat Inlet Area Ratio				
W <sub>TI</sub>	0.38235	6.50	6.25			6.50		
W <sub>TO</sub>	Rotor ID to OD Divergeing Angle =		180.00	Inner Rotor Height Inner vs Outer Circle	Outer Rotor Height Inner vs Outer Circle			
			6.25	28,100				
			6.50					
<b>Reynolds Number Calculations at Air Foil Air Blade Throat Circle</b>				1.0917	0.090977	2.8100E+04	or	29,467
				Air Blade Flow Area Throat Width - in-ft		Renolds Number at Air Foil Throats		

**Note:** The difference between the DOP and the DOA Dimensions as shown above allows for sufficient space for any required structural support members and surrounding screened-in enclosures to be installed around the inlet section's passively actuated air impact type air scoop and the exit section's wind concentrator - drag curtain adjustable baffle & divert-er plates.

DARCY Friction Factor - Straight Pipes  
**0.02582**





6% Cambered Plate  
50 watts WG  
100 watts WG  
1,000 watts WG  
67 kWe WG

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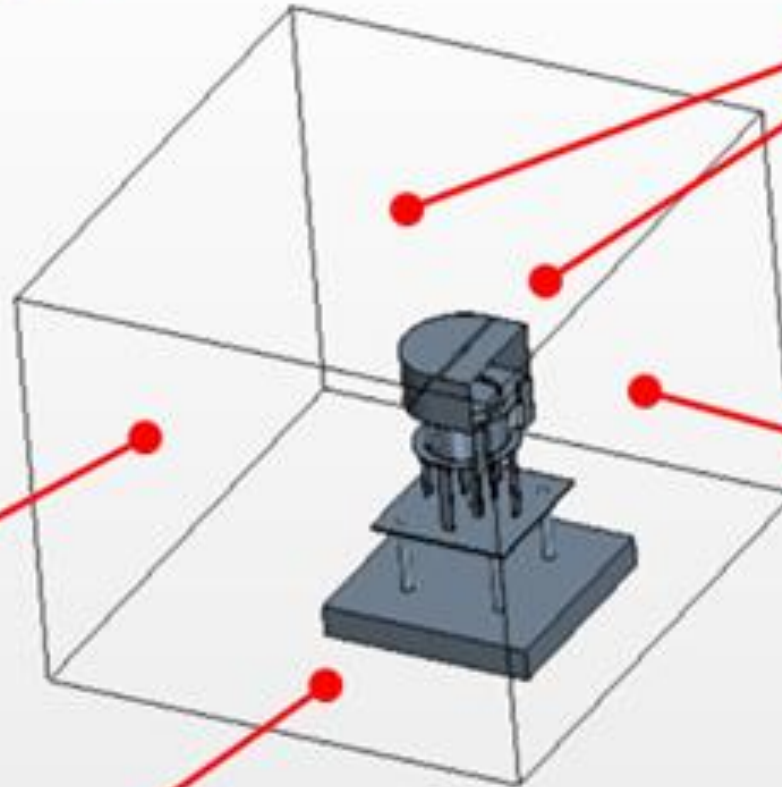
### CFD Setup – Atmospheric boundary conditions

- Model boundary conditions for CFD
- All temperatures at 290 K

Back face: Velocity at outlet  
 $V_{10} = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$ ; Base pressure  
 at outlet;  $P = 88900.83 \text{ Pa}$   
 $P = 0 \text{ Pa}$  at P10

@ Rimrock, AZ  
 Test Site Altitude of  
 3,600 ft above msl

Actual pressure conditions at  
 P10 are subject to air flow  
 re-entrainment effects of  
 external aspiration and  
 internal back pressures



Frictionless Flow at Top and Side Walls;  
 Freestream  $Ma = 0.0365$  (12.5 m/s)

“Test Tunnel Effect”  
 All resistances to flow  
 resulting from friction  
 and shock losses are  
 calculated at all other  
 locations to calculate  
 the real backpressure  
 conditions at P1

Front face: Velocity  
 at inlet;  $V_1 = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$   
 $P = 0 \text{ Pa}$  at P1

Frictionless Flow at Bottom Wall

## CFD Setup – Rotating Frame of Reference Boundary conditions

- Model boundary conditions for CFD
- All temperatures at 290 K

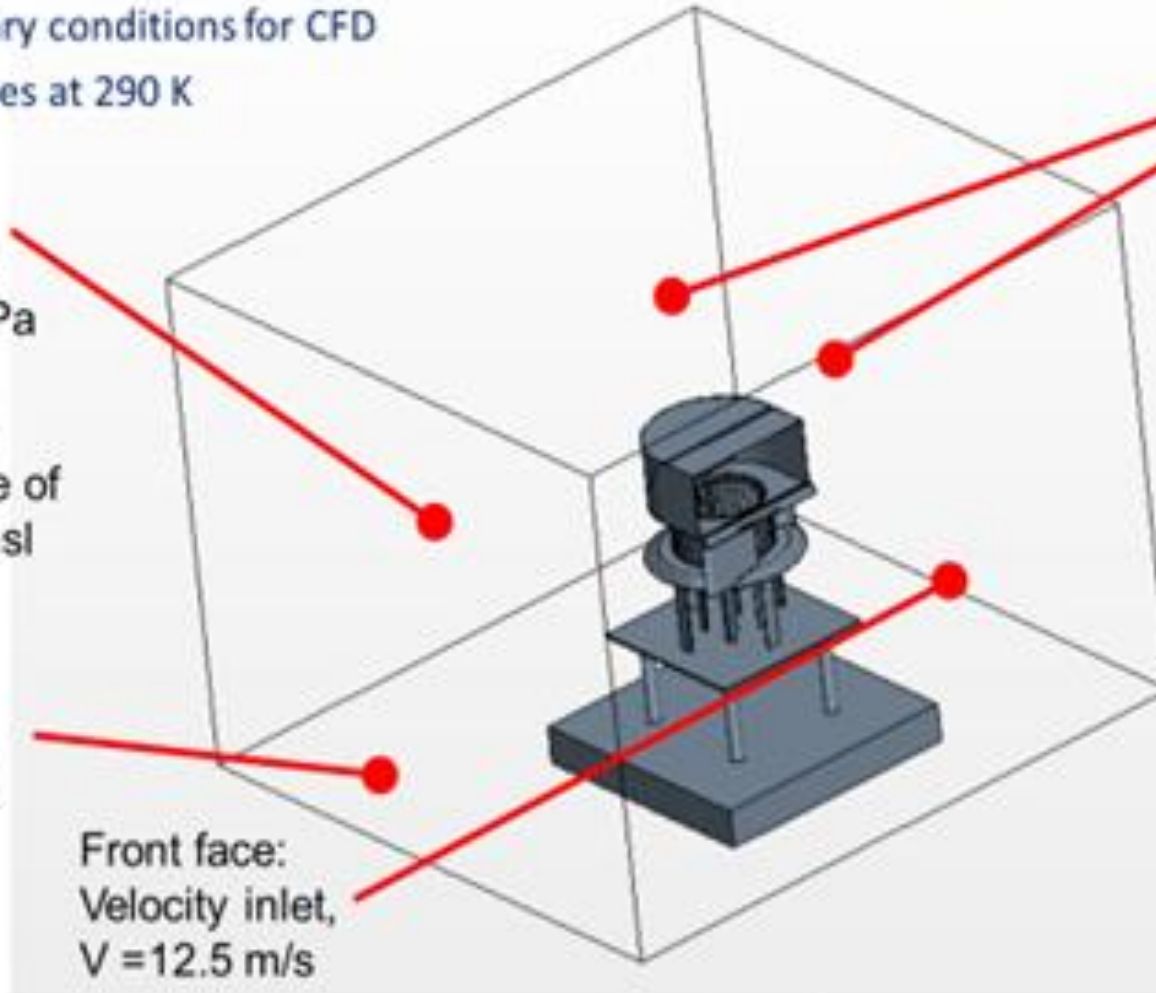
Back face:  
Pressure outlet,  
 $P_s = 88900.83 \text{ Pa}$

@ Rimrock, AZ  
Test Site Altitude of  
3600 ft above msl

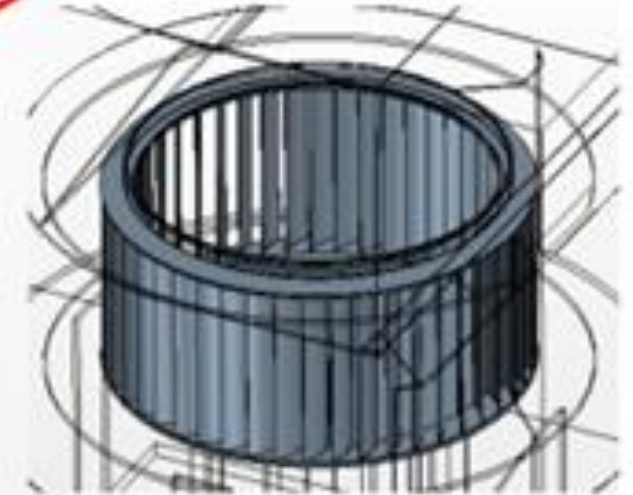
Bottom: Wall

(See Slide No.  
12 for additional  
Information.

Front face:  
Velocity inlet,  
 $V = 12.5 \text{ m/s}$



Top and sides, Freestream  
 $Ma = 0.0365 (12.5 \text{ m/s})$



Rotating parts:  $2.957 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$  @  
 $3.5 \text{ RPS} (22.0 \text{ rad/sec}) \text{ CCW}$

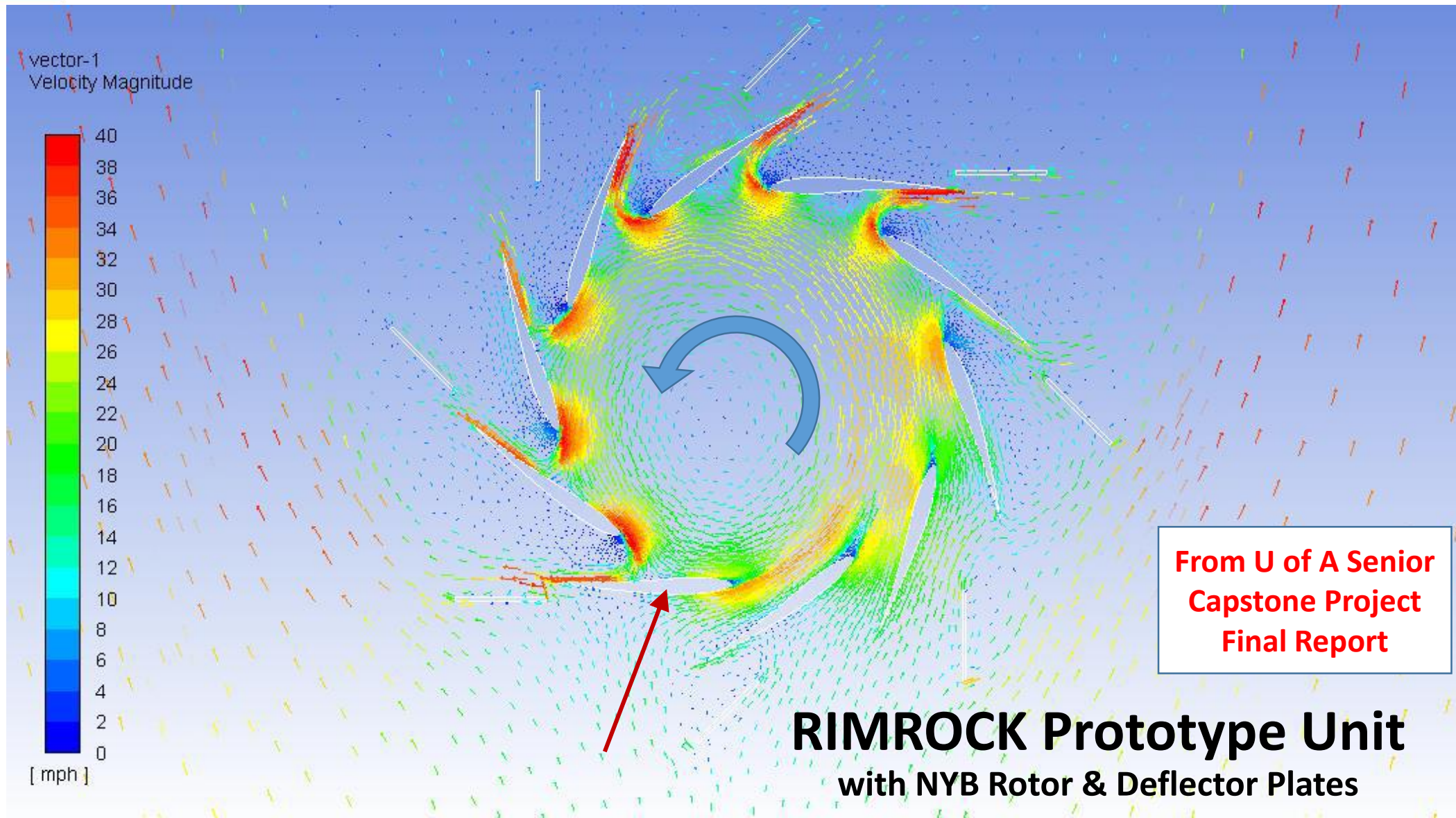
P = Power Calculation (example)

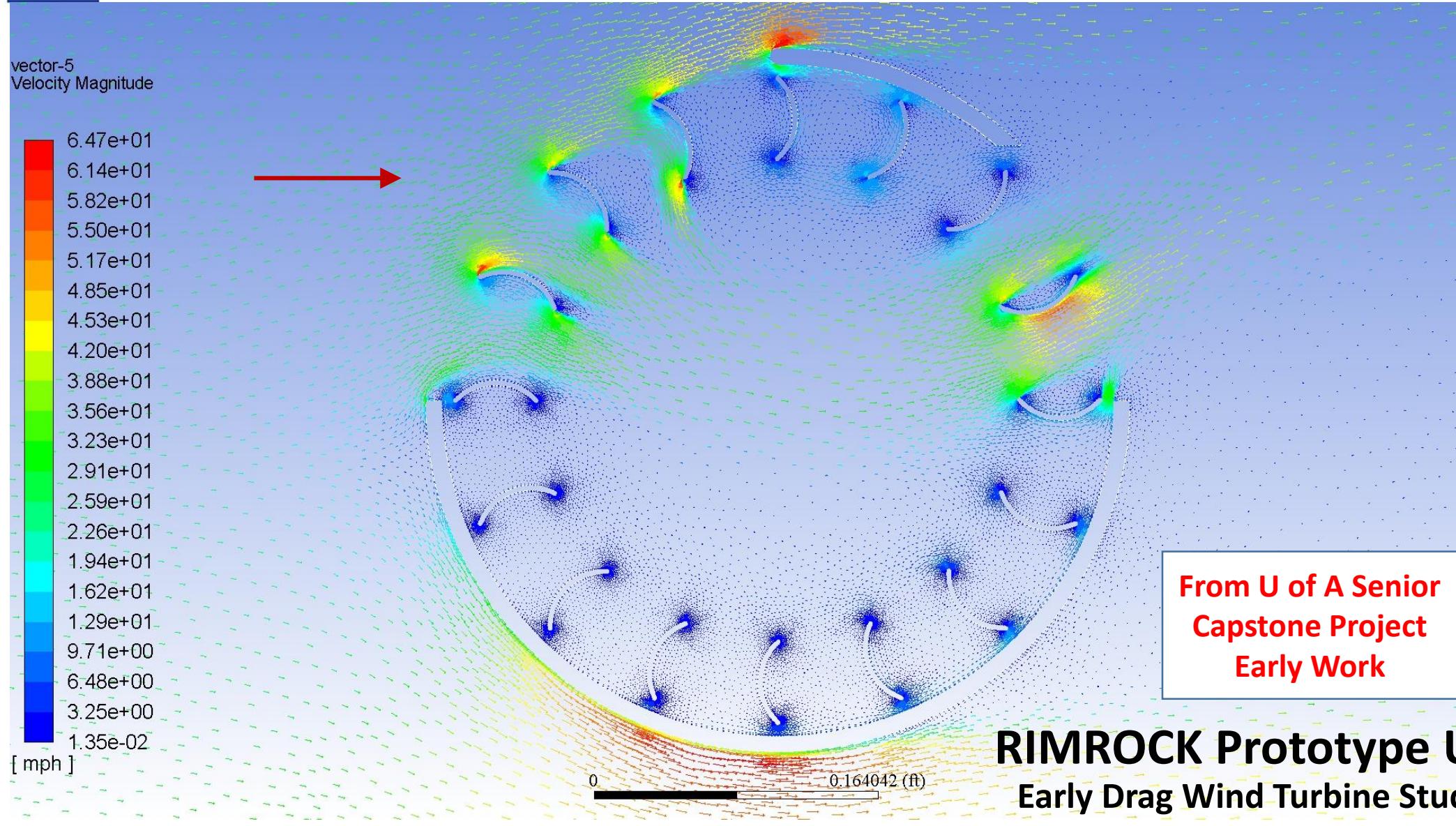
$$P = 2 \cdot \pi \cdot N \cdot T$$

$$T = 2.957 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m (torque)}$$

$$N = \text{rev/s} = 3.5 \text{ rps}$$

$$P = 65 \text{ W}$$

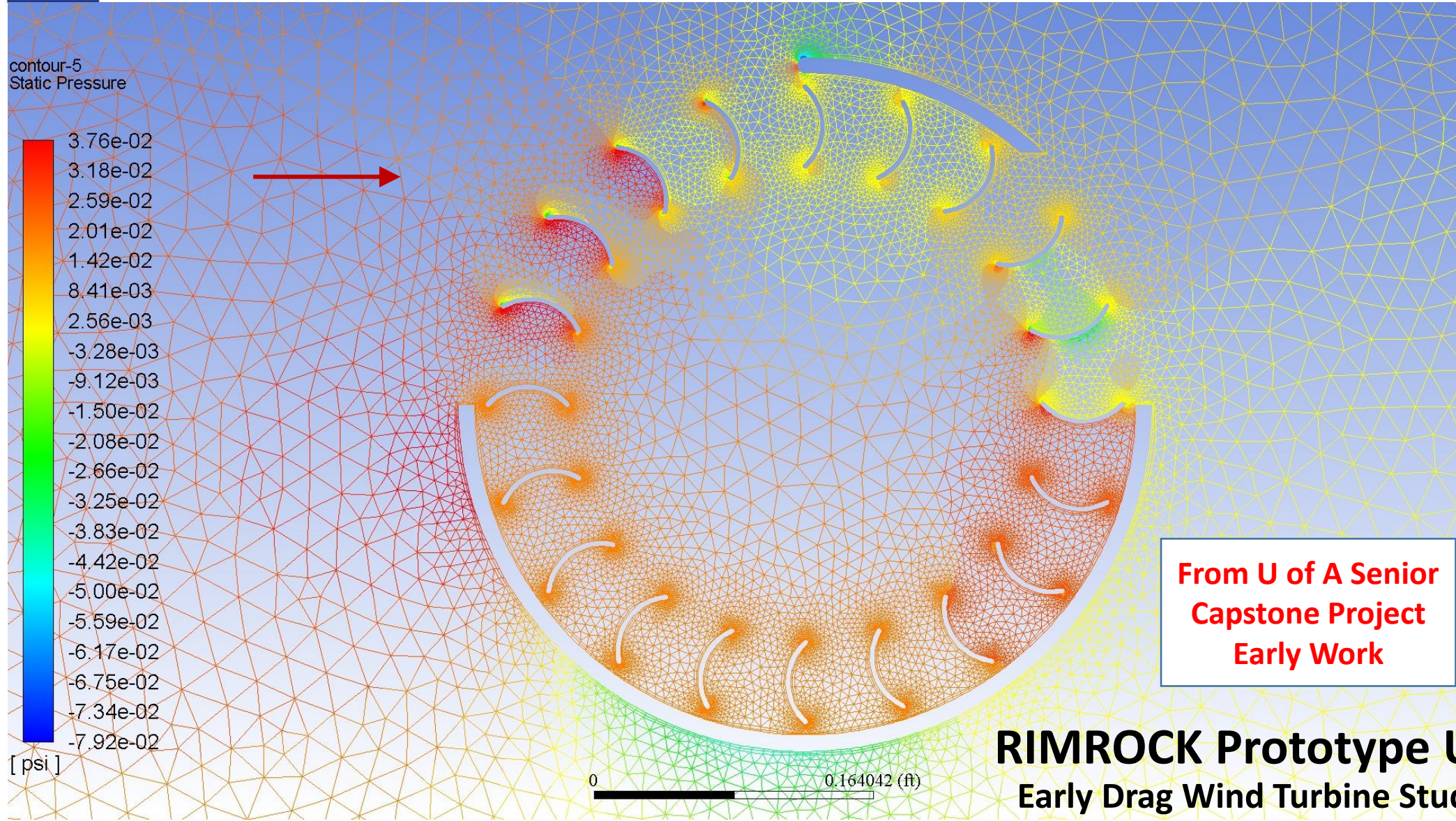




**From U of A Senior  
Capstone Project  
Early Work**

**RIMROCK Prototype Unit  
Early Drag Wind Turbine Studies**







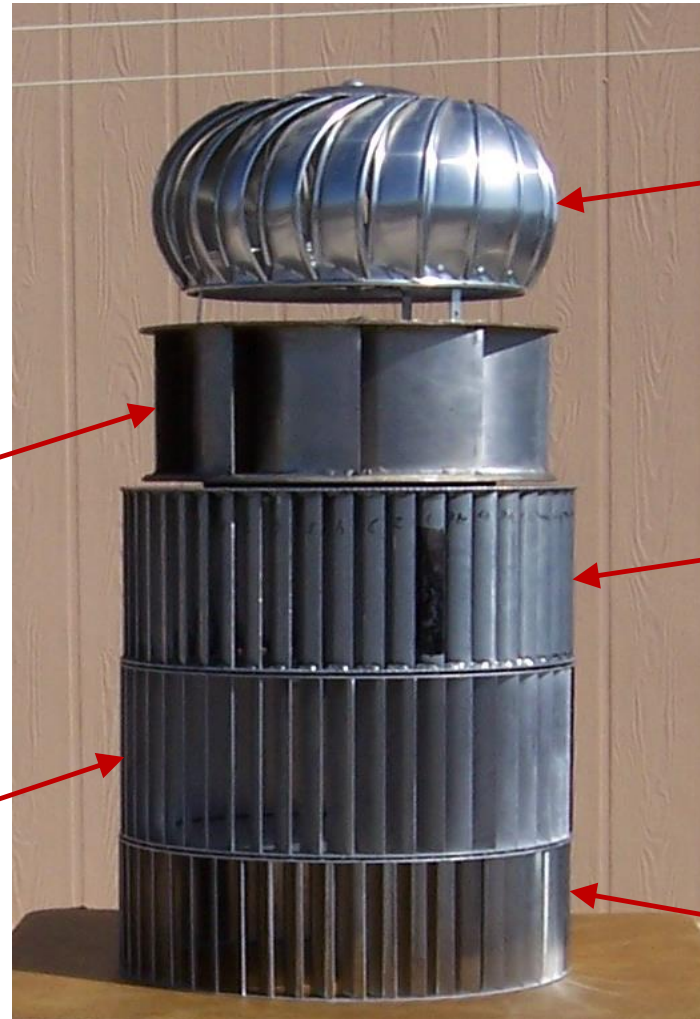
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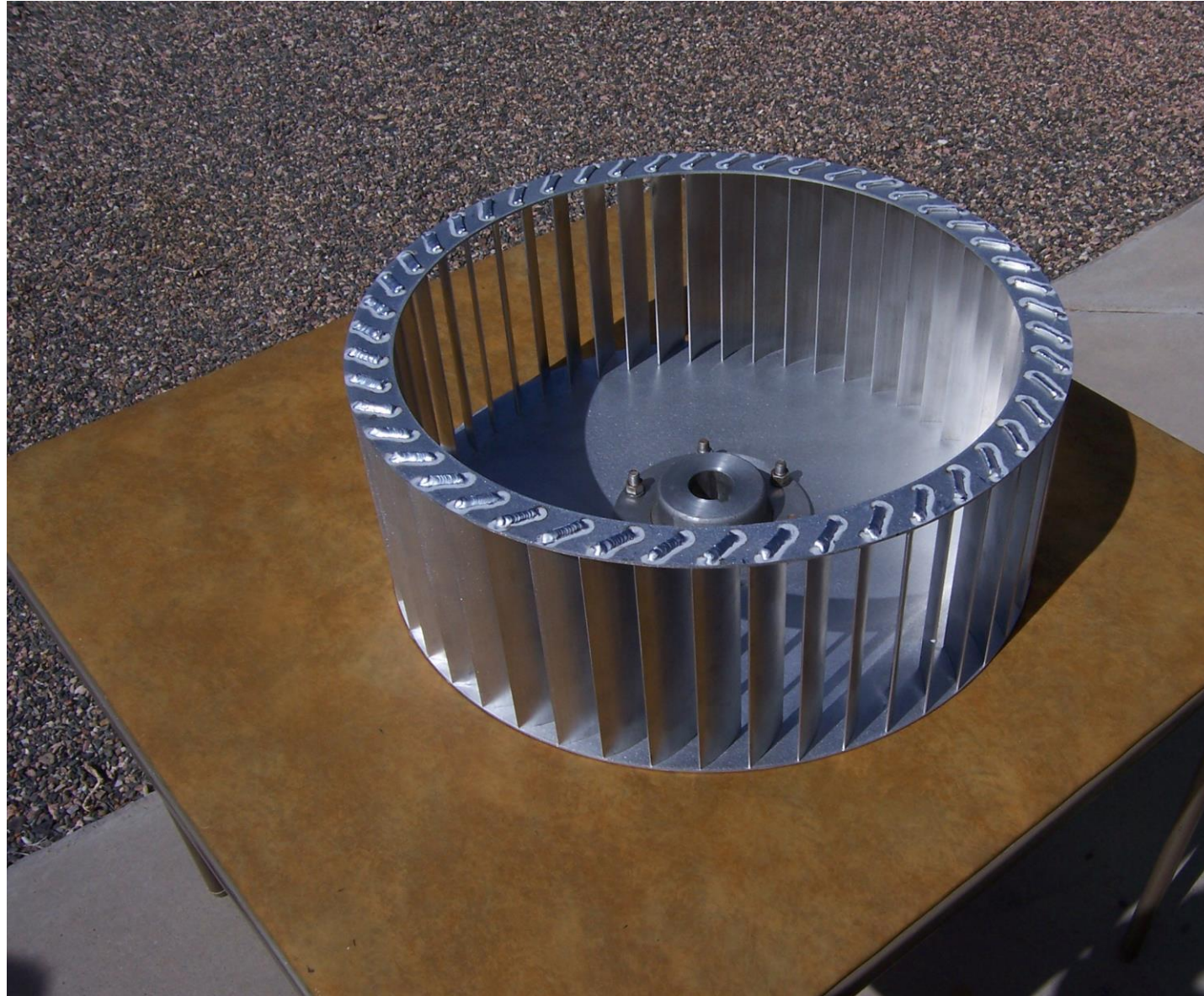
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Convergence Tech. Power Output Curve for Pedal-A-Watt Generator

Test No.	Convergence Tech's Test Bench Data Points (1 - 16) Resistor Ohms = N/A		Rimrock, AZ Test Bench Power Output Curve 12 Volt - 20 Watt - MR-16 Light Bulb Light Bulb Ohms @ 12 volts = 7.2				Rimrock, AZ Test Bench Power Output Curve 12 Volt - 50 Watt - RV Light Bulb Light Bulb Ohms @ 12 volts = 2.88			
	DC Motor / Generator RPM's	Convergence Tech's Power Curve WATTS	WG DC Motor & DRILL Motor RPMs - 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1 & 5.2	WATTS to Drill Motor (meter)	WG VOLTS to Light Bulb	WG WATTS Power Output (calc'd)	WG DC Motor & DRILL Motor RPMs - 3.2, 4.1, 5.1 & 6.1	WATTS to Drill Motor (meter)	WG VOLTS to Light Bulb	WG WATTS Power Output (calc'd)
	1.0	50	11							
2.0	200	42								
3.0	500	53								
3.1	630	---	630	46	4.0	2.22				
3.2	725	---					725	65	4.0	5.56
3.3	770	---	770	50.5	4.75	3.13	← @ 2 : 1 WG Aspect Ratio			
3.4	960	---	960	64	6.1	5.17				
4.0	1000	84								
4.1	1050	---	1050	75	6.7	6.23	← @ 12 : 1 WG Aspect Ratio			
4.2	1066	---					1066	88.5	6.0	12.50
5.0	1500	101								
5.1	1735	---					1735	178	10.0	34.72
5.2	1900	---	1900	153	12.2	20.50				
6.0	2000	163								
6.1	2485	---					2485	311	14.4	71.90
7.0	2500	218								
8.0	3000	239								
9.0	3500	303								
10.0	4000	340								
11.0	4500	368								
12.0	5000	392								
13.0	5500	415								
14.0	6000	415								
15.0	6500	415								
16.0	6700	415								

Convergence Technologies DC Motor used as a DC Generator: Nameplate Data: Voltage Rating - 0 to 40 Volts DC; Internal Resistance ~0.35 ohms; Current Rating - Nominal 15 amps; Peak Current Rating - 20 amps; Rated Generator RPM - 2,600 rpm; Peak Power Rating - (Normally used for 12 volt Battery Charging) 15 V, 20 amps, 300 Watts. Convergence Technologies. Reference Number B862E118-4DD7FA20-287-BE806. Using a 2.4 / 1 Timing Belt type Speed Increasing Pulley Drive Installed between the Wind Turbine Drive Shaft and the DC Motor/Generator Driven Shaft.

Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation; Heavy-Duty 3/8" Variable Speed Milwaukee Drill; Cat. No. 0240-20; Serial No. C32AD10330195; 120 Volts-AC; 8 Amps; 0-2800 No Load RPM.

Rapidly changing and variable drill motor power factors versus generator load caused problems obtaining more or better data points.



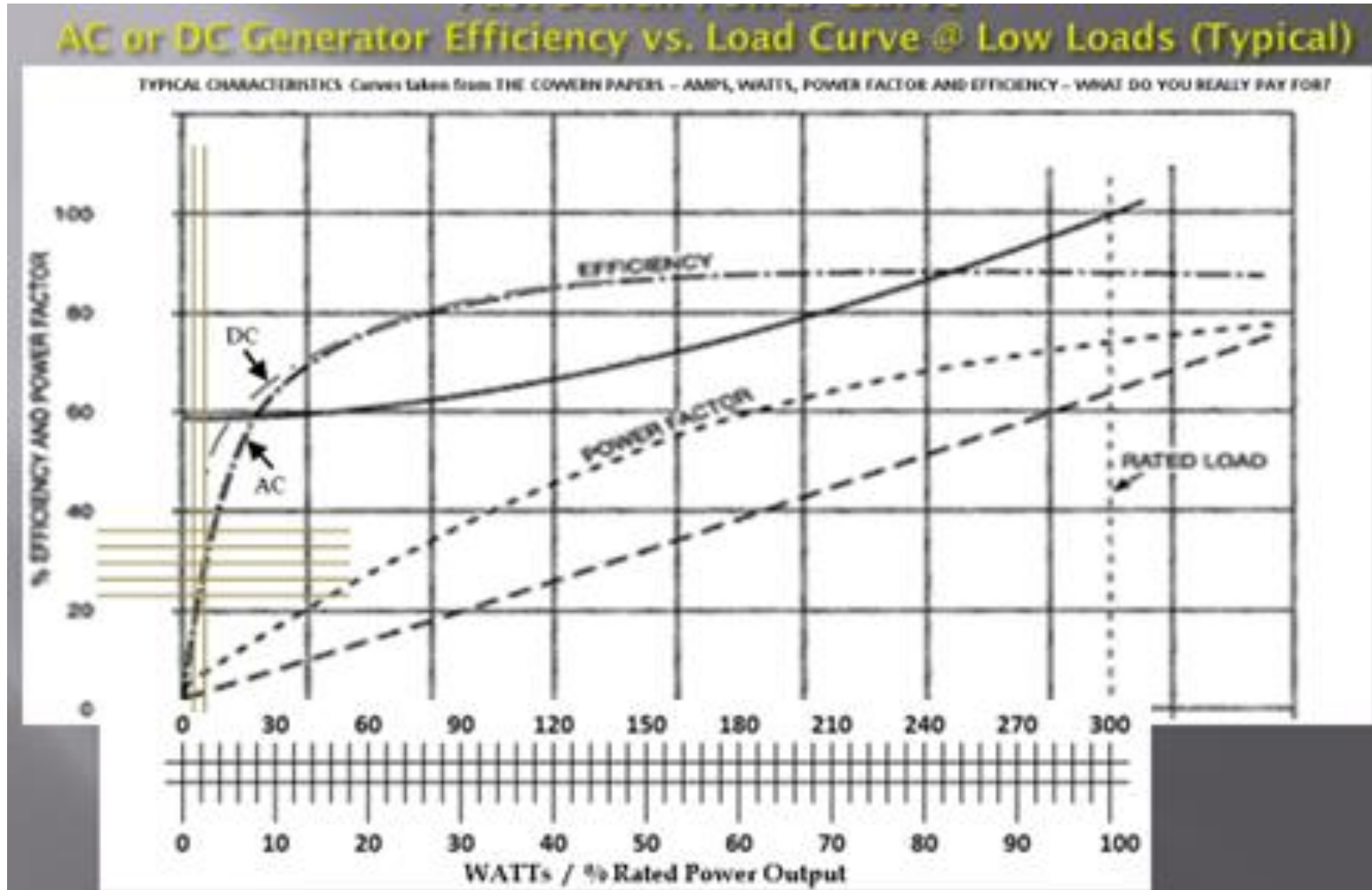


**WINDGRABBER® at Rimrock, AZ Test Bench Power Curve Data**

NO.	Rimrock WINDGRABBER™ Conceptual Pilot Plant Demonstration Unit Power Output Approximations under Variable Wind Conditions	Units	Input/Output	Test No. 1 12 / 1 Aspect Ratio	Test No. 2 12 / 1 Aspect Ratio	Test No. 3 2 / 1 Aspect Ratio
0	Light Bulb Information	'- / -'	'- / -'	MR - 16	A - 19	MR - 16
1	Milwaukee Variable Speed Drill / Generator - Shaft RPM's	RPM	Data Input	1050	970	770
6	Milwaukee Drill Motor Electric Power Input	Watts	Watt Meter	75	74	50.5
8	Milwaukee Drill Motor Input to Output Electrical/Mechanical Efficiency	%	Approximated	28%	28%	25%
9	Convergence Tech. DC Motor/Generator Electric Efficiency	%	Approximated	30%	30%	25%
12	Convergence Tech. DC Motor/Generator Electric Voltage Output when Driven from the WINDGABBER Pilot Plant Wind Turbine	Volts	Data Input	6.70	6.00	4.75
13	Convergence Tech. DC Motor/Generator Electric Power Output when Driven from the WINDGABBER Pilot Plant Wind Turbine	Watts	Calc'd	6.23	6.25	3.13
14	Convergence Tech. DC Motor/Generator Electric Efficiency	%	Approximated	30.00%	30.00%	25.00%
15	WINDGRABBER Speed Increaser Mechanical Efficiency	%	Approximated	96.00%	96.00%	96.00%
16	WINDGRABBER Wind Turbine Mechanical Power Output	Watts	Approximated	21.6	21.7	13.1
20	Light Bulb Rated Ohms	Ohms	Data Input	7.20	5.76	7.20
21	Average Test Wind Speed	MPH	Data Input	28	28	28
22	Average Test Wind Temperature	°F	Data Input	70	70	70
23	Average Test Wind Barometric Pressure	" Hg	Data Input	26.32	26.32	26.32

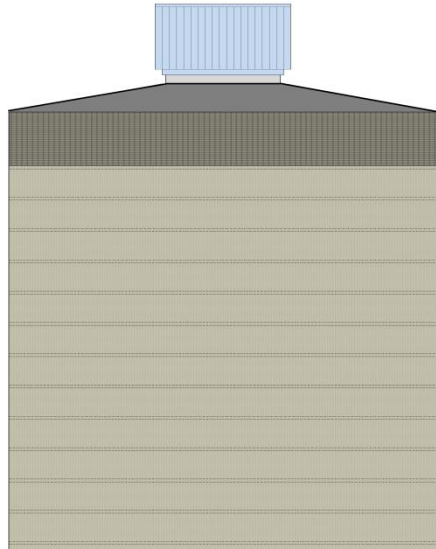


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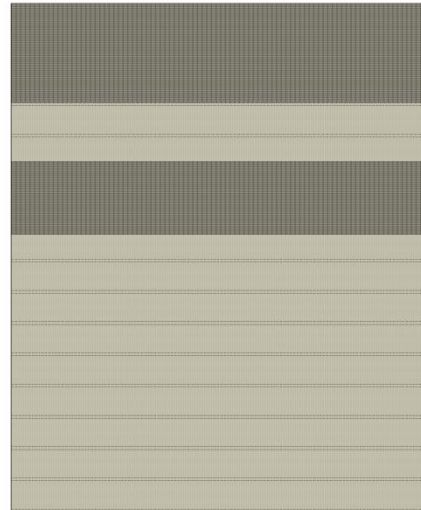




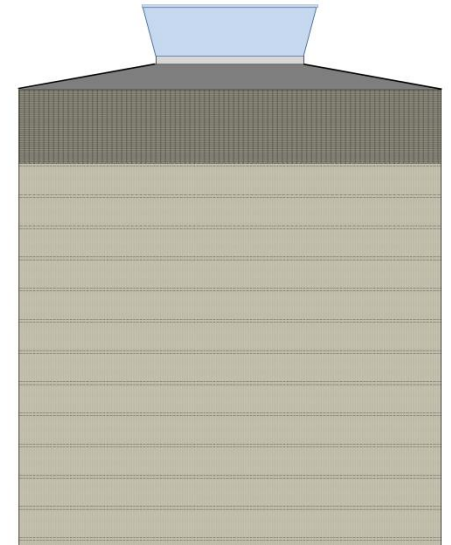
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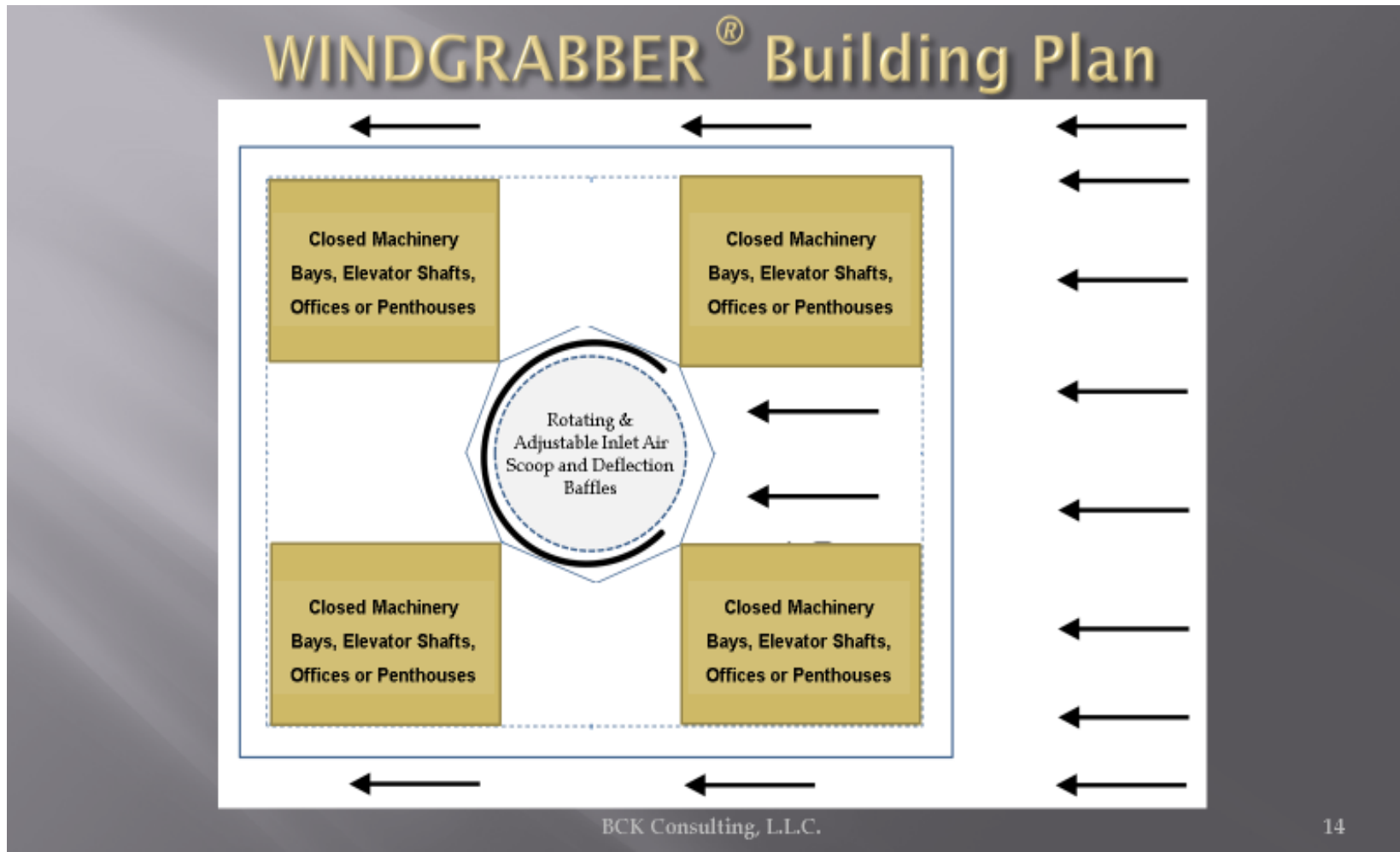


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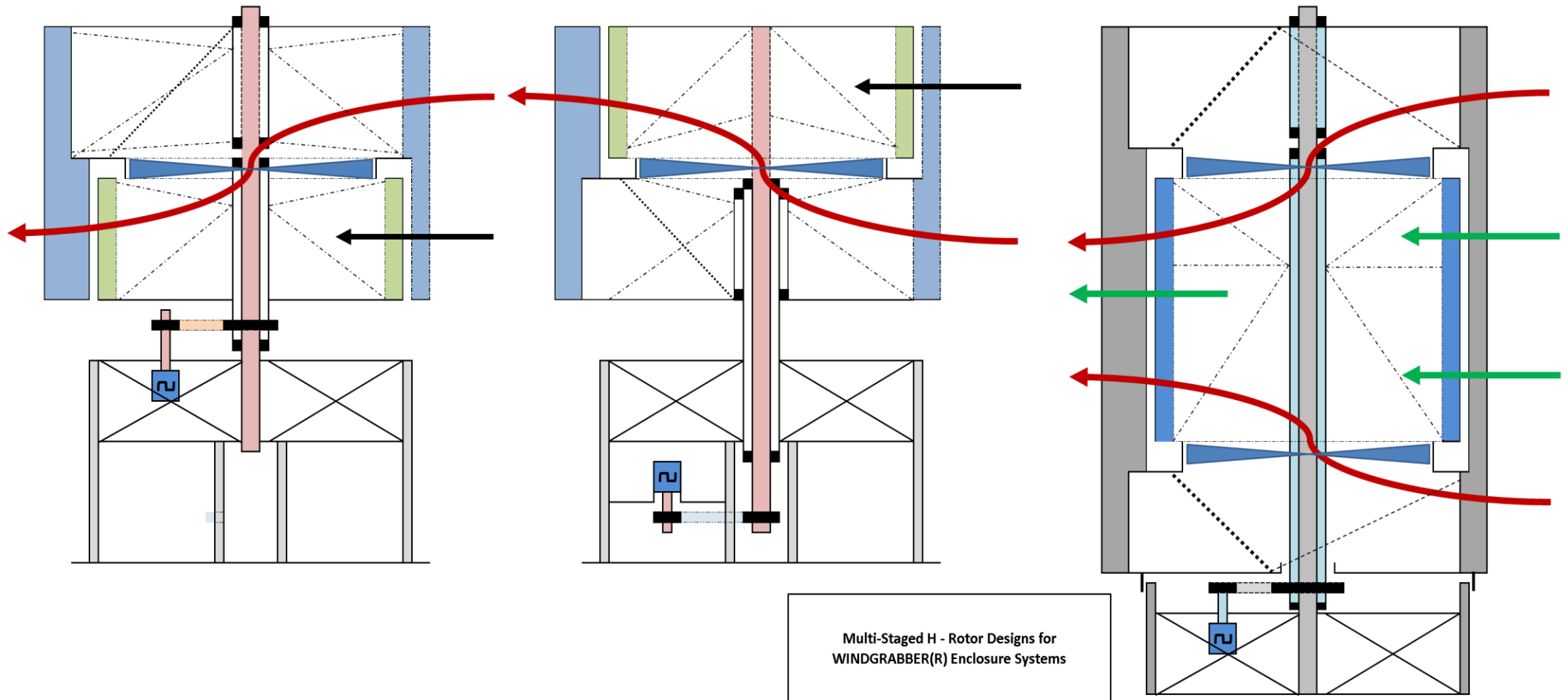


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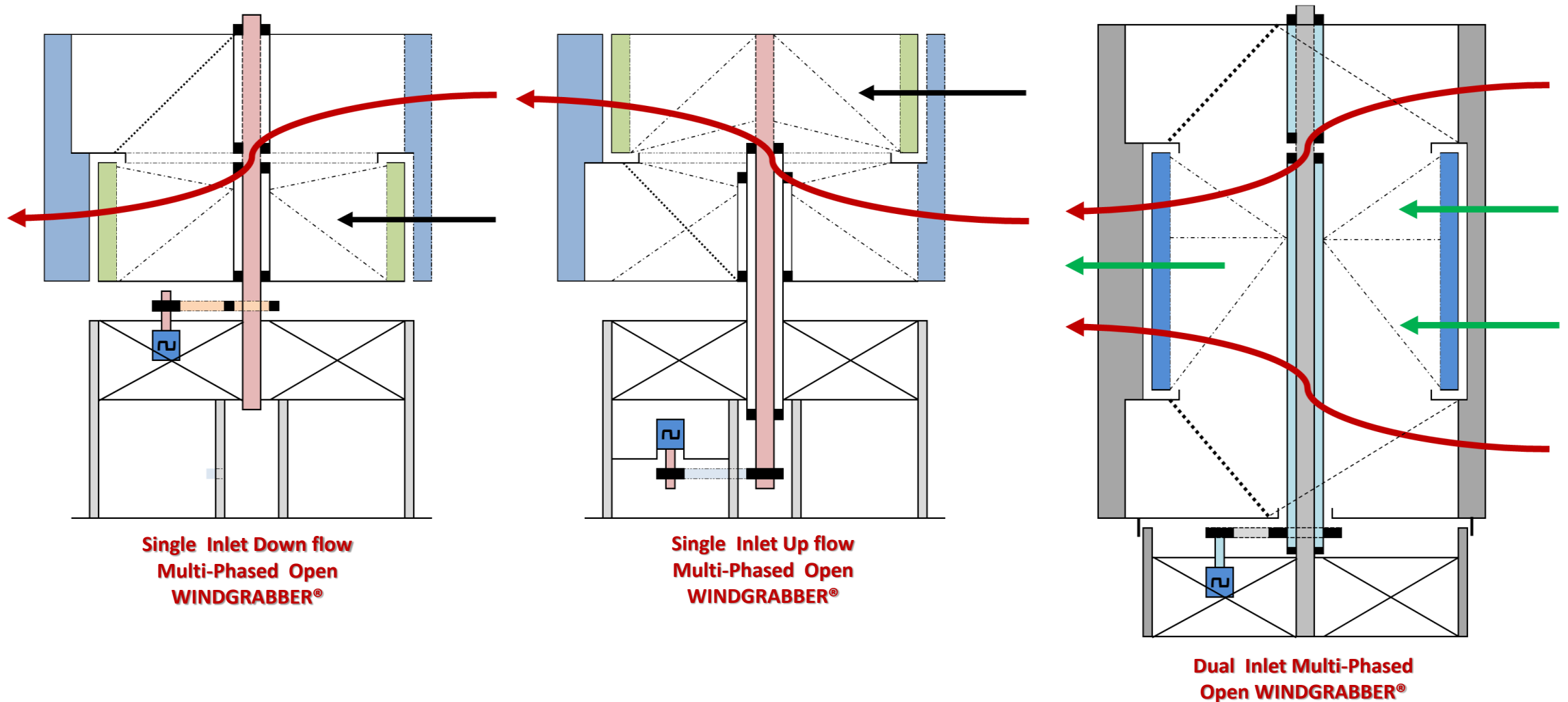
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# Czero Conclusions and Next Steps

- Curved thin flat plate case with a shorter turbine wheel height showed the best static turbine wheel torque.
  - Smaller turbine height increased both static pressure at the turbine inlet and velocity through turbine blades.
  - Curved thin flat plates showed increased lift compared to other two geometries examined.
  - Mass flow through system was highest for NACA geometry and lowest for the initial geometry (~15% lower).
- The predicted torque on the turbine decreased when turbine wheel rotation was modeled. Torque decreased further as the rotation speed of the wheel was increased. Turbine power was highest at 3.5 RPS, 1% higher than at 3 RPS and decreased by 8% as speed was increased to 4.77 RPS.
- The mass flow relatively constant with rotation speed but flow spilt favors primary flow path with increased rotation speed.
- The RFR method used to estimate the effects of the rotating turbine blades on system performance has limitations for this geometry and flow. It does not accurately simulate the actual transient flow patterns around the blades and thus cannot reliably predict the details of the rotation on blade performance.
- A transient CFD analysis with a rotating/moving mesh should be performed to better understand the effects of the angle of attack and Reynolds number on the turbine wheel/blade performance for both the prototype and full scale geometry.
- The next step will be to build and field test a new wind turbine rotor assembly at the Rimrock, AZ home test site.

