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DMA-URLS

Finite Element Method for Turbomachinery Flows

Numerical studies on axial flow fan rotor aerodynamics

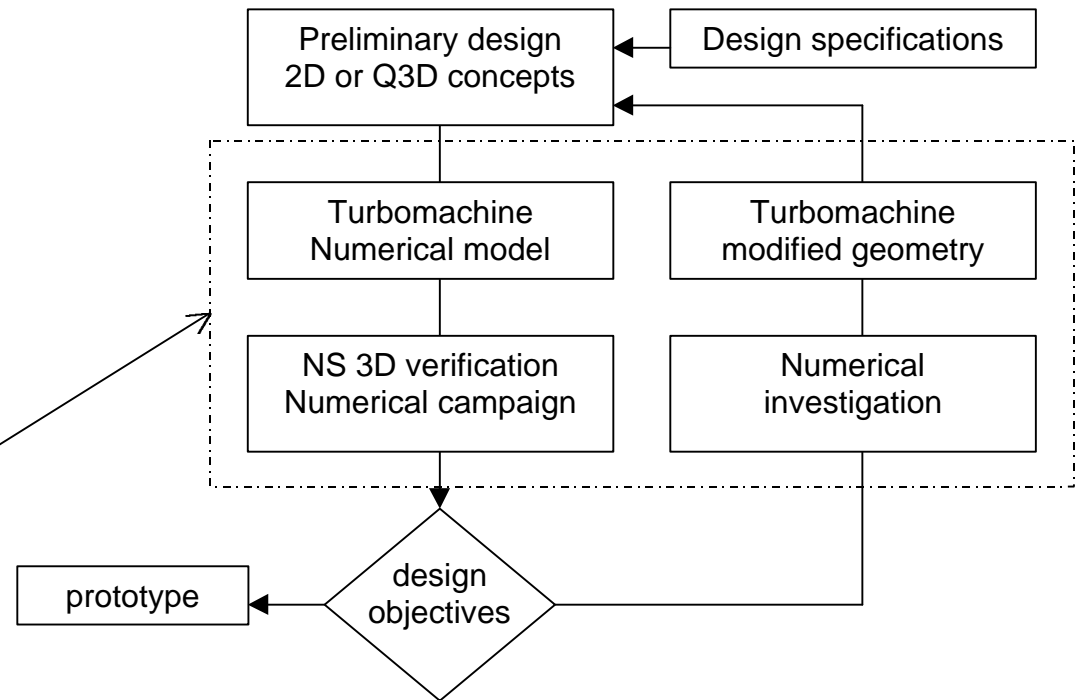
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HOW CFD IMPLEMENTS TURBOMACHINERY DESIGN

- CFD INFLUENCE ON TURBOMACHINERY DESIGN



- CONCERTED EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

- UPSTREAM/DOWNSTREAM LDA

DATA COMPLEMENTED BY CFD INTERBLADE PREDICTION

- GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DESIGN METHOD \Rightarrow CFD BASED

TEST FAN AND EXPERIMENTAL METHOD (1)

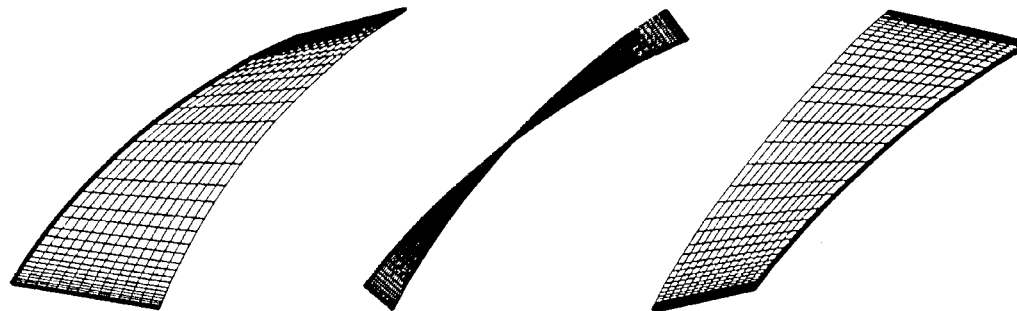
- NON FREE VORTEX DESIGN

BENEFITS \Rightarrow HIGH TOTAL HEAD RISE
 $Y_t = 0.7$ AT $F_D = 0.5$

DRAWBACKS \Rightarrow STRONGER SECONDARY FLOWS

- TEST FAN ROTOR BLADING CHARACTERISTICS
 UNTAPERED CIRCULAR ARC CAMBERED PLATE

	root	tip
r/R_c	0.676	0.990
chord (mm)	171	171
$(\ell/t)_D$	1.534	1.047
camber radius (mm)	360.7	493.1
g_D (deg)	47.9	38.3



TEST FAN AND EXPERIMENTAL METHOD (2)

- EXPERIMENTAL FACILITY DFM@BUTE
- LDA SYSTEM (Vad and Bencze, 1996)

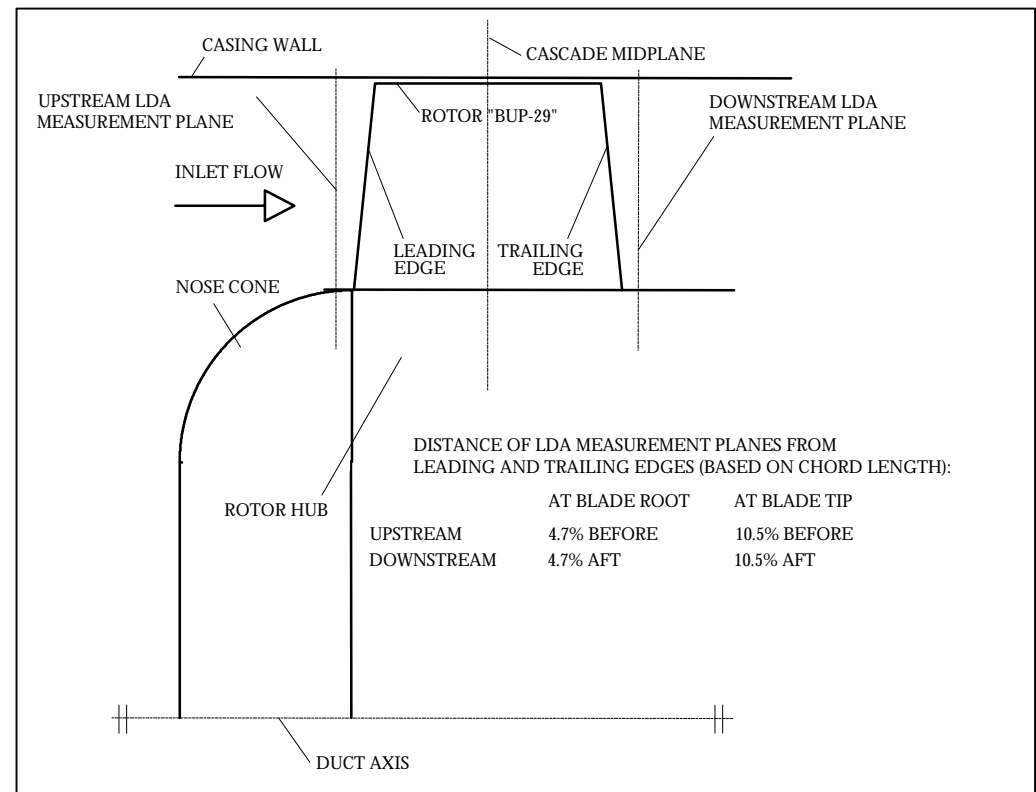
SINGLE COMPONENT EQUIPMENT

MEASUREMENT CELLS DIMENSION

$$3 \text{ mm} \times 5 \text{ mm} \times 1^\circ$$

a \quad r \quad p

100 COLLECTED DATA CELLS



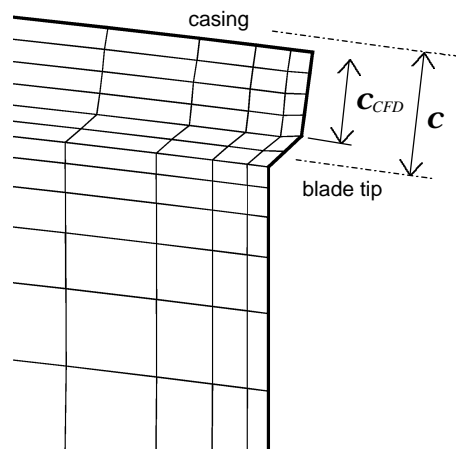
NUMERICAL MODELLING OF AXIAL FLOW FAN ROTOR (1)

- FAN GEOMETRICAL MODELS, H-GRID TOPOLOGIES

PINCHED TIP APPROXIMATION

COARSE GRID ($59 \times 21 \times 31$), 38.409 nodes

FINE GRID ($59 \times 31 \times 41$), 102.951 nodes



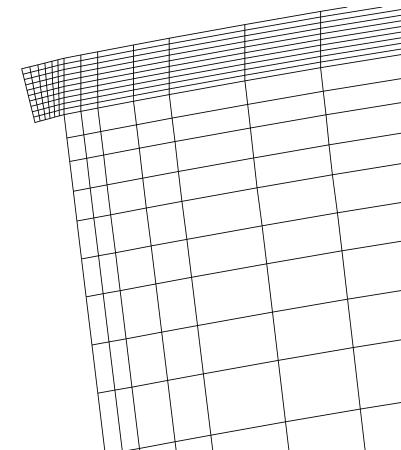
$C_{CFD} = 2.2 \text{ mm}$, modeled clearance

$C = 3 \text{ mm}$, rotor clearance
(Vad and Benze, 1996)

EMBEDDED H-GRID

COARSE GRID ($59 \times 25 \times 37$), 40.157 nodes

FINE GRID ($131 \times 37 \times 51$), 247.197 nodes



3 H-grid topologies:

inlet, bladed passage and outlet regions

leading and trailing edges

tip clearance region

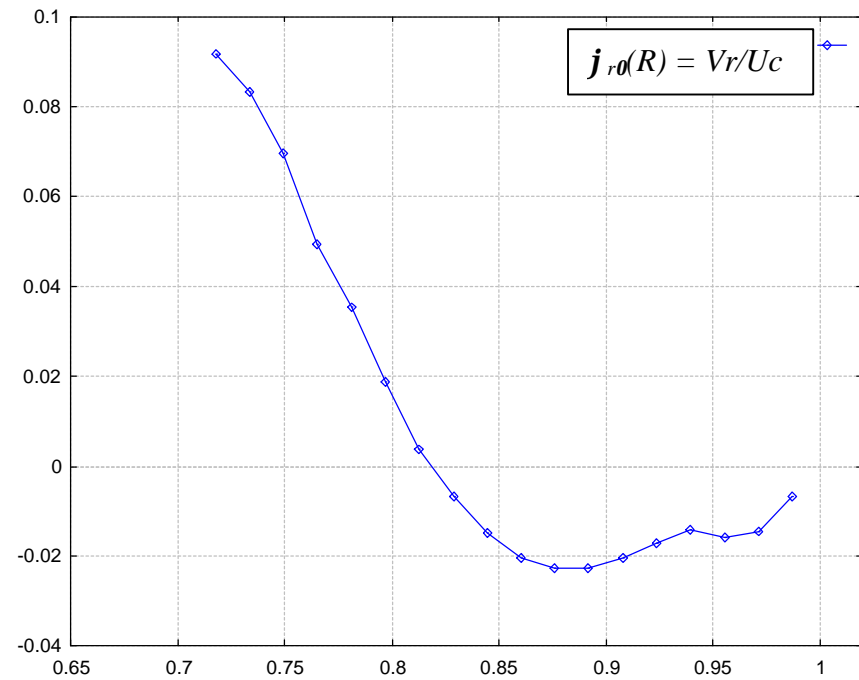
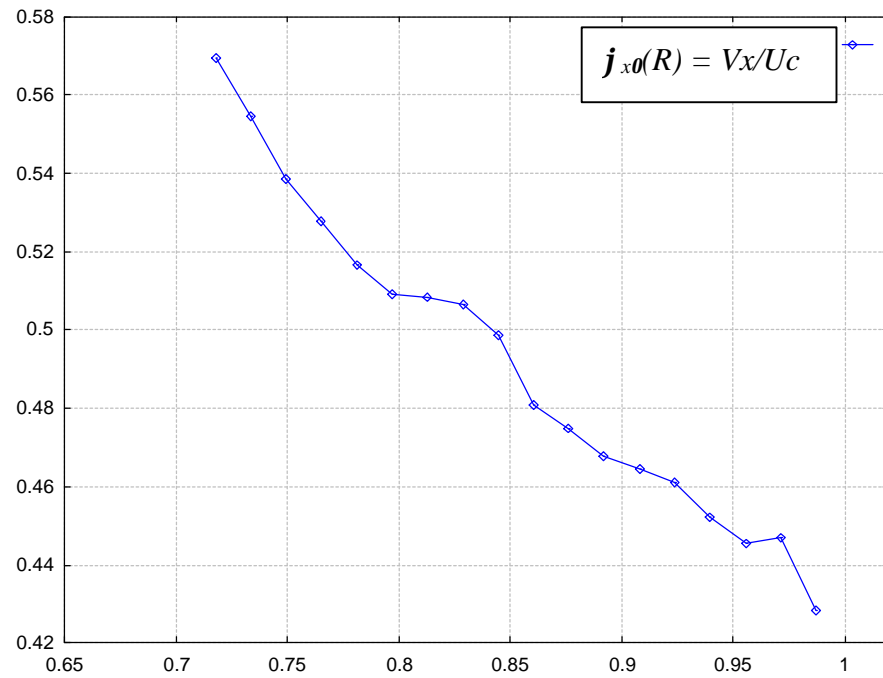
NUMERICAL MODELLING OF AXIAL FLOW FAN ROTOR (2)

- BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

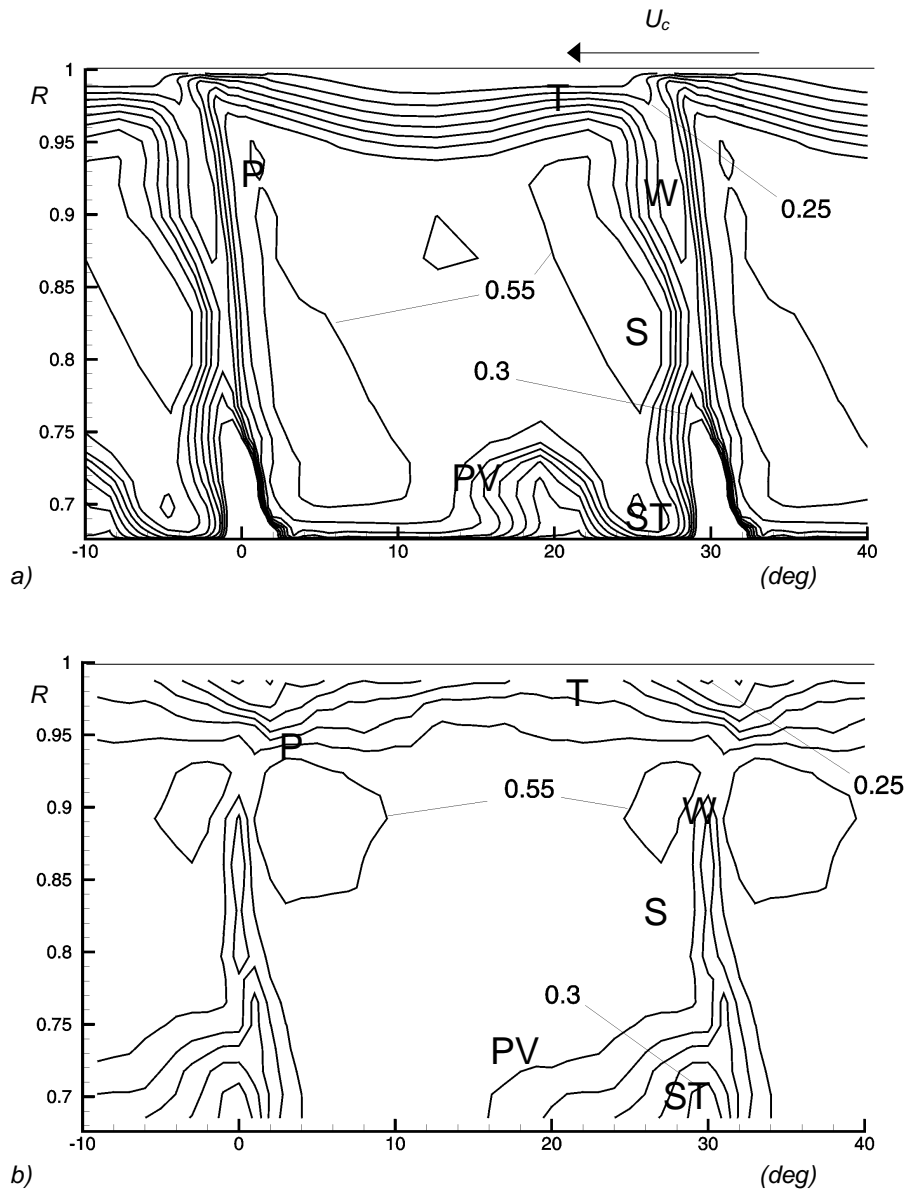
- ♦ INFLOW DIRICHELET CONDITIONS *VELOCITY, k AND ϵ*
PITCH-WISE AVERAGED LDA *VELOCITY DISTRIBUTION*
TURBULENCE INTENSITY AXI-SYMMETRIC PROFILE (Lakshminarayana, 1982), (Vad, 1999)
- ♦ OUTFLOW NEUMANN CONDITIONS HOMOGENEOUS (k AND ϵ)
AND NON HOMOGENEOUS p
- ♦ SOLID BOUNDS WALL FUNCTION (WALL SHEAR STRESS, k AND ϵ)
first grid node $30 < d^+ < 200$
- ♦ PERIODIC BOUNDS DEGREES OF FREEDOM EQUALITY

Vad and Bencze non free vortex rotor BUP29

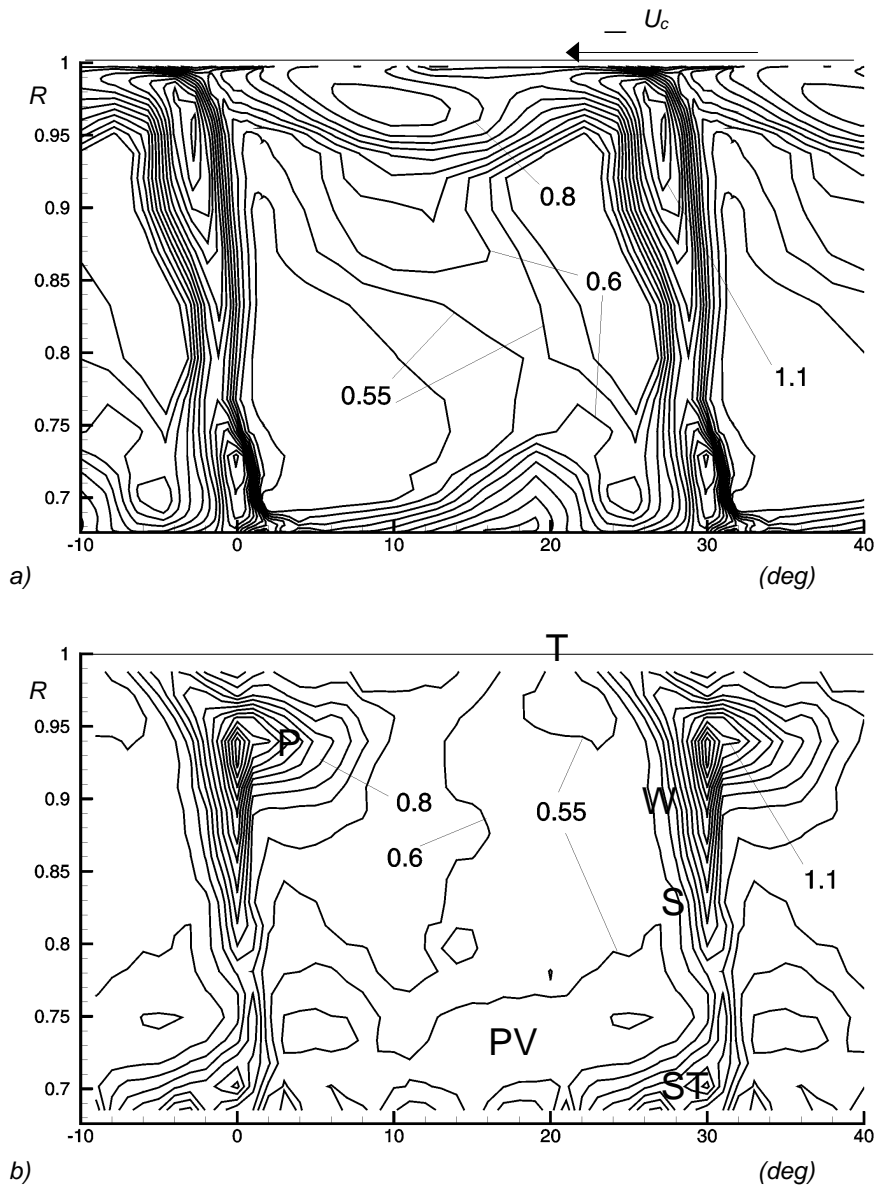
LDA measurements



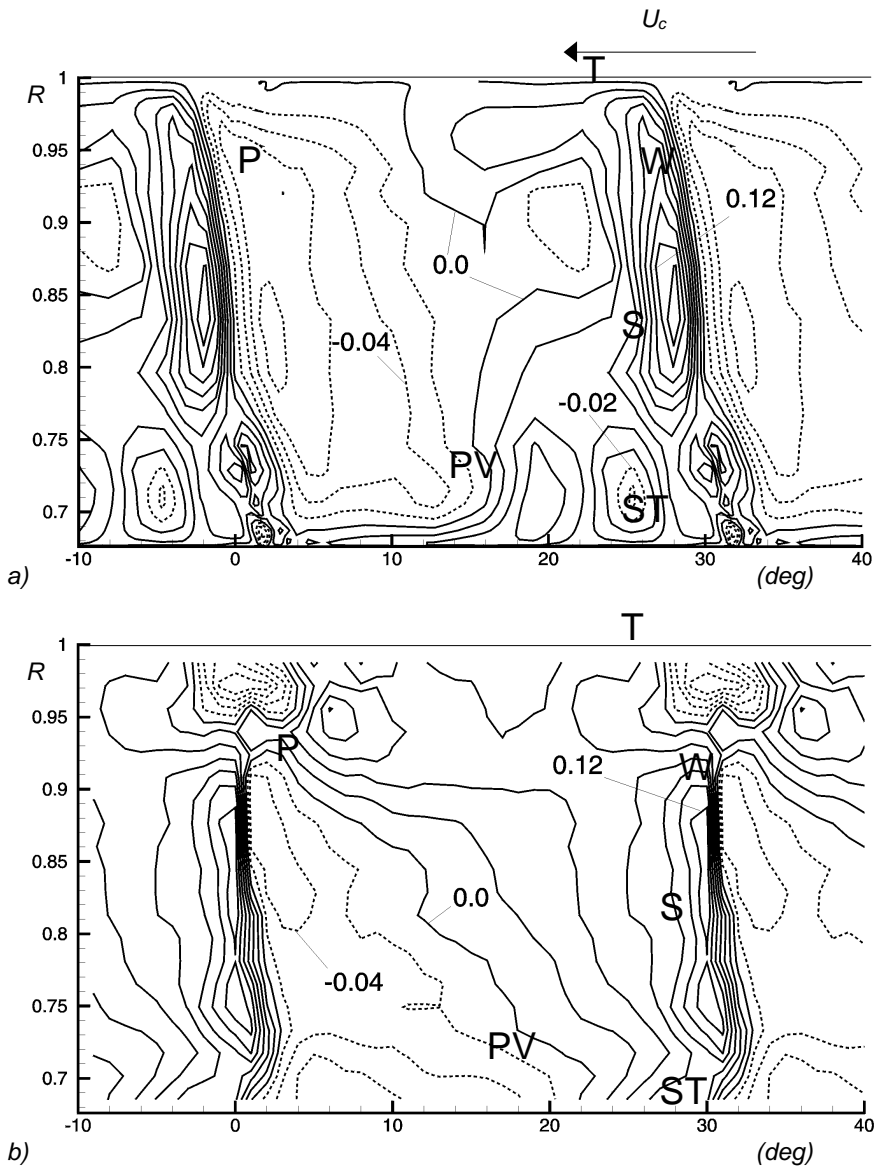
Upstream pitch-averaged axial and radial flow coefficient distributions



Axial flow coefficient (j_x) distributions behind the rotor
 (a: computations, b: experiments (Vad and Bencze, 1996))



Ideal total head rise coefficient (y) distributions behind the rotor
(a: computations, b: experiments (Vad and Bencze, 1996))



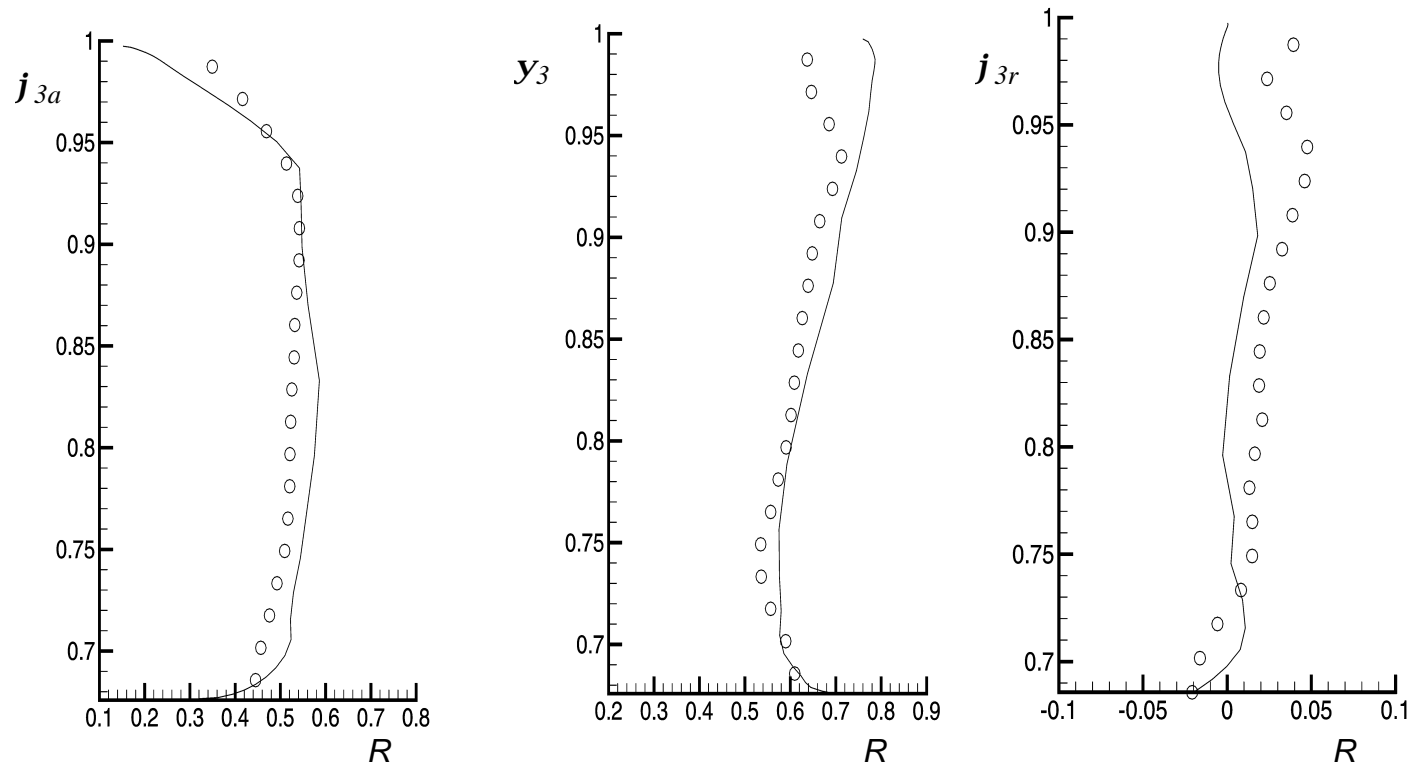
Radial flow coefficient (j_r) distributions behind the rotor
 (a: computations, b: experiments (Vad and Bencze, 1996))

Corsini and Rispoli

Navier-Stokes prediction obtained with XENIOS finite element code - grid $81 \times 31 \times 41$
 predicted at $x = 0.05 l_c$ downstream of rotor hub

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LDA measurements



Pitchwise-averaged outlet axial flow and local ideal total head rise coefficient distributions

