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The DOE-supported project objectives are to: establish a national wind energy center (NWEC) at University of Houston and conduct research to address critical science and engineering issues for the development of future large MW-scale wind energy production systems, especially offshore wind turbines. The goals of the project are to: (1) establish a sound scientific/technical knowledge base of solutions to critical science and engineering issues for developing future MW-scale large wind energy production systems, (2) develop a state-of-the-art wind rotor blade research facility at the University of Houston, and (3) through multi-disciplinary research, introducing technology innovations on advanced wind-turbine materials, processing/manufacturing technology, design and simulation, testing and reliability assessment methods related to future wind turbine systems for cost-effective production of offshore wind energy. To achieve the goals of the project, the following technical tasks were planned and executed during the period from April 15, 2010 to October 31, 2014 at the University of Houston: (1) Basic research on large offshore wind turbine systems (2) Applied research on innovative wind turbine rotors for large offshore wind energy systems (3) Integration of offshore wind-turbine design, advanced materials and manufacturing technologies (4) Integrity and reliability of large offshore wind turbine blades and scaled model testing (5) Education and training of graduate and undergraduate students and post- doctoral researchers (6) Development of a national offshore wind turbine blade research facility The research program addresses both basic science and engineering of current and future large wind turbine systems, especially offshore wind turbines, for MW-scale power generation. The results of the research advance current understanding of many important scientific issues and provide technical information for solving future large wind turbines with advanced design, composite materials, integrated manufacturing, and structural reliability and integrity. The educational program have trained many graduate and undergraduate students and post-doctoral level researchers to learn critical science and engineering of wind energy production systems through graduate-level courses and research, and participating in various projects in center's large multi-disciplinary research. These students and researchers are now employed by the wind industry, national labs and universities to support the US and international wind energy industry. The national offshore wind turbine blade research facility developed in the project has been used to support the technical and training tasks planned in the program to accomplish their goals, and it is a national asset which is available for used by domestic and international researchers in the wind energy arena.

International safety and design standards for structural performance analysis require full-scale testing of each wind turbine blade prototype and of blades that have undergone major design changes. The purpose of blade testing is to demonstrate that the blade design and production are such that the blade possesses the intended strength and service life. Full-scale testing can be seen as final design verification that also checks the assumptions used in the design. In this chapter, aspects of full-scale blade testing are considered in the practical context of the blade test laboratory. An overview is given of the tests which make up the complete test program, the loads used for each and the equipment and instrumentation used.

This chapter explores the influence of resin and reinforcing fabric variations on the fatigue sensitivity for a wide range of typical blade laminates reported recently in the SNL/MSU/DOE database. Test results are presented for static and fatigue property variations with resin type, reinforcing fabric construction and weight, fiber content and laminate construction. Critical resin/fabric interactions and damage mechanisms are identified. The effects of resin and fiber type are also explored for material transitions at ply drops, where ply delamination is the dominant damage.

In the wind industry, the current trend is towards building larger and larger turbines. This presents additional structural challenges and requires blade materials that are both lighter and stiffer than the ones presently used. This study is aimed to aid the work of designing new wind turbine blades by providing a comparative study of different composite materials. A coupled Finite-Element-Method (FEM) - Blade Element Momentum (BEM) code was used to simulate the aerodynamic forces subjected on the blade. For this study, the finite element study was conducted on the Static Structural Workbench of ANSYS, as for the geometry of the blade it was imported from a previous study prepared by Cornell University. Confirmation of the performance analysis of the chosen wind turbine blade is presented and discussed including the generated power, tip deflection, thrust and tangential force for a steady flow of 8m/s. A homogenization method was applied to derive the mechanical properties and ultimate strengths of the composites. The Tsai-Hill and Hoffman failure criterions were both conducted to the resulting stresses and shears for each blade composite material structure to determine the presence of static rupture. A progressive fatigue damage model was conducted to simulate the fatigue behavior of laminated composite materials, an algorithm developed by Shokrieh.

Wind Turbines addresses all those professionally involved in research, development, manufacture and operation of wind turbines. It provides a cross-disciplinary overview of modern wind turbine technology and an orientation in the associated technical, economic and environmental fields. It is based on the author's experience gained over decades designing wind energy converters with a major industrial manufacturer and, more recently, in technical consulting and in the planning of large wind park installations, with special attention to economics. The second edition accounts for the emerging concerns over increasing numbers of installed wind turbines. In particular, an important new chapter has been added which deals with offshore wind utilisation. All advanced chapters have been extensively revised and in some cases considerably extended

Innovation in Wind Turbine Design addresses the fundamentals of design, the reasons behind design choices, and describes the methodology for evaluating innovative systems and components. Always referencing a state of the art system for comparison, Jamieson discusses the basics of wind turbine theory and design, as well as how to apply existing engineering knowledge to further advance the technology, enabling the reader to gain a thorough understanding of current technology before assessing where it can go in the future. Innovation in Wind Turbine Design is divided into four main sections covering design background, technology evaluation, design themes and innovative technology examples: Section 1 reviews aerodynamic theory and the optimization of rotor design, discusses wind energy conversion systems, drive trains, scaling issues, offshore wind turbines, and concludes with an overview of technology trends with a glimpse of possible future technology Section 2 comprises a global view of the multitude of design options for wind turbine systems and develops evaluation methodology, including cost of energy assessment with some specific examples Section 3 discusses recurrent design themes such as blade number, pitch or stall, horizontal or vertical axis Section 4 considers examples of innovative technology with case studies from real-life commercial clients. This groundbreaking synopsis of the state of the art in wind turbine design is must-have reading for professional wind engineers, power engineers and turbine designers, as well as consultants, researchers and academics working in renewable energy.

The purpose of this book is to provide engineers and researchers in both the wind power industry and energy research community with comprehensive, up-to-date, and advanced design techniques and practical approaches. The topics addressed in this book involve the major concerns in the wind power generation and wind turbine design.

The chapter discusses the topic of probabilistic analysis of wind turbine blades. First, structural analysis models, the definition of ‘failure’ and the treatment of random variables will be explored, focusing on the challenges involved in a probabilistic design depending on the choices made during each step. Next, the various probabilistic methods (Monte Carlo method, first-order reliability method, Edgeworth expansion method, response surface method) will be described. Issues arising out of the use of composite material structures, in applications such as wind turbine blades, as well as other aspects relating to wind energy applications will be highlighted, and techniques will be discussed through examples.

Small wind turbine blades share a number of features with large blades, but have some important differences. The two main differences are their much higher rotational speed, which causes more fatigue cycles and higher yaw moments, and their operation at low Reynolds number, which means that thick aerofoil sections cannot be used near the root. This chapter discusses the design challenges arising from these differences, the materials commonly used for blade manufacture, and the fatigue testing of small blades. The use of timber is highlighted for very small blades, and fibre-reinforced composite manufacture of larger ones is discussed in terms of sustainability, conformity of manufactured shape, and fatigue behaviour.

In the contemporary world, wind energy is emerging as one of the most viable alternatives to meet the challenge of increasing energy demand, particularly for electrical energy generation. It is clean, fuel-free and available almost in every country in the world and in abundance in off-shore. This book, now in its Third Edition, covers most of the essential engineering principles, theories and best practices for wind energy development for electricity generation with clear emphasis on state-of-the-art. In this edition, recent developments in wind energy are covered. It includes sections on remote sensing application and re-powering. This comprehensive book on wind energy is intended as a text for the undergraduate and postgraduate students of Mechanical/Electrical Engineering and students pursuing Energy Studies. It will also serve as a handbook and ready reference for practicing engineers and professionals in the field of wind energy. KEY FEATURES Describes technological advances in wind energy. Deals with wind resource assessment methodology, instrumentation and advanced techniques. Discusses the concepts of aerodynamics for wind turbine blade and rotor. Provides in detail the design concepts for modern horizontal axis wind turbine. Covers layout design, micro-siting and modelling of wind farms. Analyzes the economics of wind energy projects for electricity generation. Focuses on the impact of wind energy on the environment.

This chapter describes the process of aerodynamic rotor design for horizontal axis wind turbines. Apart from describing the state-of-the-art, it presents the mathematical models used, explains how airfoil and rotor control choice are decided and lists common design constraints. An example is used to illustrate the rotor design process, covering all the main aspects from choice of rotor size, airfoil types and number of blades to the exact aerodynamic shape of the blades. At the end of the chapter there is a summary of future trends and sources of further information.

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Fatigue life prediction of wind turbine rotor blades is a very challenging task, as blade failure is led by different failure types that act synergistically. Inherent defects like wrinkles, fiber misalignments and voids, that can be introduced during fabrication, can constitute potential damage initiation points and rapidly develop to failure mechanisms like matrix cracking, transverse-ply cracking, interface cracking, debonding, fiber breakage, etc. Different methods have been established to address this problem, some based on phenomenological and others on actual damage mechanics modeling. This chapter aims to provide an overview of fatigue life modeling and prediction methodologies for the composite materials and structural composite elements that compose a wind turbine rotor blade under complex loading conditions.

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO WIND ENERGY ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT This authoritative resource offers comprehensive details on effectively using wind energy as a viable and economical energy source. Featuring a multidisciplinary approach, Wind Energy Engineering covers physics, meteorology, aerodynamics. wind measurement, wind turbine specifications, electricity, and integration with the grid. Planning, site selection, cost assessment, environmental impact, and project management are also discussed. Filled with diagrams, tables, charts, graphs, and statistics, this is a definitive reference to current and future developments in wind energy. Wind Energy Engineering covers: The business of wind energy worldwide Wind energy basics Meteorological properties of wind and air Aerodynamics of wind turbine blades Wind measurement, data management, and reporting Wind resource assessment Advanced topics in resource assessment, including wake, losses, and uncertainty Wind turbine generator components Electricity and generator basics Deploying wind turbines in the grid Environmental impact of wind projects Financial modeling, planning, and execution of wind projects

As a result of the significant growth of wind turbines in size, blade load control has become the main challenge for large wind turbines. Many advanced techniques have been investigated aiming at developing control devices to ease blade loading. Individual pitch control system, adaptive blades, trailing edge microtabs, morphing aerofoils, ailerons, trailing edge flaps, and telescopic blades are among these techniques. Most of the above advanced technologies are currently implemented in, or are under investigation to be utilised, for blade load alleviation. The present study aims at investigating the potential benefits of these advanced techniques in enhancing the energy capture capabilities rather than blade load alleviation. To achieve this goal the research is carried out in three directions: (i) development of a simulation software tool suitable for wind turbines utilising nonconventional control systems, (ii) development of a blade design optimisation tool capable of optimising the topology of blades equipped with nonconventional control systems, and (iii) carrying out design optimisation case studies with the objective of power extraction enhancement towards investigating the feasibility of advanced technologies, initially developed for load alleviation of large blades, for power extraction enhancement. Three nonconventional control systems, namely, microtab, trailing edge flap and telescopic blades are investigated. A software tool, AWTSim, is especially developed for aerodynamic simulation of wind turbines utilising blades equipped with microtabs and trailing edge flap as well as telescopic blades. As part of the aerodynamic simulation of these wind turbines, the control system must be also simulated. The simulation of the control system is carried out via solving an optimisation problem which gives the best value for the controlling parameter at each wind turbine run condition. Developing a genetic algorithm optimisation tool which is especially designed for wind turbine blades and integrating it with AWTSim, a design optimisation tool for blades equipped with nonconventional control system is constructed. The design optimisation tool, AWTSimD, is employed to carry out design case studies. The results of design case studies reveal that for constant speed rotors, optimised telescopic blades are more effective than flaps and microtabs in power enhancement. However, in comparison with flap and microtabs, telescopic blades have two disadvantages: (i) complexity in telescopic mechanism and the added weight and (ii) increased blade loading. It is also shown that flaps are more efficient than microtabs, and that the location and the size of flaps are key parameters in design. It is also shown that optimisation of the blade pretwist has a significant influence on the energy extraction enhancement. That is, to gain the maximum benefit of installing flaps and microtabs on blades, the baseline blades must be redesigned.

OpenFOAM for Wind Energy Engineering: How to use the Open-Source Toolbox for Wind Energy-Related CFD Simulations is a concise, approachable and clear guide for wind engineers and students facing the steep learning curve associated with using this powerful, yet complex, software. The book addresses the specific problems and challenges users encounter when using OpenFOAM for wind energy applications and provides solutions and/or approaches to solutions that are dependent on the problem. The book is an essential introduction to an important open-source tool that was written specifically to meet the information needs of wind industry professionals, researchers and graduate students studying wind energy. Addresses the specific challenges users encounter when using OpenFOAM for wind energy applications Goes into detail on topics crucial for wind engineers that aren't covered in general OpenFOAM manuals, such as turbulence models in thick airfoil simulations and the simulation of rotating turbines Includes downloadable code that users can use to quickly get started when using OpenFOAM for wind energy applications for the first time

An essential reference to the modeling techniques of wind turbine systems for the application of advanced control methods This book covers the modeling of wind power and application of modern control methods to the wind power control—specifically the models of type 3 and type 4 wind turbines. The modeling aspects will help readers to streamline the wind turbine and wind power plant modeling, and reduce the burden of power system simulations to investigate the impact of wind power on power systems. The use of modern control methods will help technology development, especially from the perspective of manufactures. Chapter coverage includes: status of wind power development, grid code requirements for wind power integration; modeling and control of doubly fed induction generator (DFIG) wind turbine generator (WTG); optimal control strategy for load reduction of full scale converter (FSC) WTG; clustering based WTG model linearization; adaptive control of wind turbines for maximum power point tracking (MPPT); distributed model predictive active power control of wind power plants and energy storage systems; model predictive voltage control of wind power plants; control of wind power plant clusters; and fault ride-through capability enhancement of VSC HVDC connected offshore wind power plants. Modeling and Modern Control of Wind Power also features tables, illustrations, case studies, and an appendix showing a selection of typical test systems and the code of adaptive and distributed model predictive control. Analyzes the developments in control methods for wind turbines (focusing on type 3 and type 4 wind turbines) Provides an overview of the latest changes in grid code requirements for wind power integration Reviews the operation characteristics of the FSC and

DFIG WTG Presents production efficiency improvement of WTG under uncertainties and disturbances with adaptive control Deals with model predictive active and reactive power control of wind power plants Describes enhanced control of VSC HVDC connected offshore wind power plants Modeling and Modern Control of Wind Power is ideal for PhD students and researchers studying the field, but is also highly beneficial to engineers and transmission system operators (TSOs), wind turbine manufacturers, and consulting companies.

Composites have been the material of choice for wind turbine blade construction for several decades. This chapter explains why. It also shows how wind turbine blade materials and our understanding of their fatigue behaviour have developed recently, and the gaps that still exist in the knowledge. The chapter discusses why fatigue is a predominant design driver for wind turbine blades. The main structural elements of the blade (load bearing components and aerodynamic shell) are considered in terms of material and design requirements, and fundamental research questions are addressed. Finally, there is a comment on current and future trends, as well as a list of recommended reading.

Renewable energies constitute excellent solutions to both the increase of energy consumption and environment problems. Among these energies, wind energy is very interesting. Wind energy is the subject of advanced research. In the development of wind turbine, the design of its different structures is very important. It will ensure: the robustness of the system, the energy efficiency, the optimal cost and the high reliability. The use of advanced control technology and new technology products allows bringing the wind energy conversion system in its optimal operating mode. Different strategies of control can be applied on generators, systems relating to blades, etc. in order to extract maximal power from the wind. The goal of this book is to present recent works on design, control and applications in wind energy conversion systems.

As the fastest growing source of energy in the world, wind has a very important role to play in the global energy mix. This text covers a spectrum of leading edge topics critical to the rapidly evolving wind power industry. The reader is introduced to the fundamentals of wind energy aerodynamics; then essential structural, mechanical, and electrical subjects are discussed. The book is composed of three sections that include the Aerodynamics and Environmental Loading of Wind Turbines, Structural and Electromechanical Elements of Wind Power Conversion, and Wind Turbine Control and System Integration. In addition to the fundamental rudiments illustrated, the reader will be exposed to specialized applied and advanced topics including magnetic suspension bearing systems, structural health monitoring, and the optimized integration of wind power into micro and smart grids.

An overview of the current and future trends in wind turbine blade structural design process is presented. The main design principles and failure mechanisms of blades in operation are assessed and explained through an industry point of view, in a realistic manner. A number of failure modes which are not addressed sufficiently in the certificate guidelines are presented. An example on how to use the new design philosophy is presented. The manufactured prototype is a 44m long load carrying spar and the weight is reduced by 40%.

An overview of the micromechanics of materials methods and approaches that can be used for the modelling of wind turbine blade composites is given in this chapter. Using the various modelling methods reviewed here, the strength, stiffness and lifetime of composite materials can be predicted and the suitability of different groups of materials for applications in wind turbine blades can be analysed. The effects of interface and matrix properties, fibre clustering and nanoreinforcement on the strength and lifetime of composites are studied in a number of simulations, and some examples of the analysis of microstructural effects on the strength and fatigue life of composites are provided.

This chapter deals with loads on wind turbine blades. It describes the load generating process, wind fields, and the concepts of stresses and strains. Aerodynamic loads, loads introduced by inertia, gravitation and gyroscopic effects, and actuation loads are discussed. The loading effects on the rotor blades and how they are interconnected with the dynamics of the turbine structure are highlighted. There is a discussion on how stochastic loads can be analysed and an outline of cycle counting methodology. The method of design verification testing is briefly described.

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This chapter focuses on airfoils for wind turbine blades and their characteristics. The use of panel codes such as XFOIL and RFOIL and CFD codes for the prediction of airfoil characteristics is briefly described. The chapter then discusses the requirements for wind turbine blade airfoils and the effect of leading edge roughness and Reynolds number. After a description of how airfoils can be tested the chapter discusses methods to represent airfoil characteristics at high angles of attack. A number of methods for correcting characteristics for the effect of three-dimensional flow on the blade are presented. The chapter then discusses ways to establish a data set for blade design and concludes with a view on future research in the field of wind turbine blade airfoils.

Maximizing reader insights into the latest technical developments and trends involving wind turbine control and monitoring, fault diagnosis, and wind power systems, 'Wind Turbine Control and Monitoring' presents an accessible and straightforward introduction to wind turbines, but also includes an in-depth analysis incorporating illustrations, tables and examples on how to use wind turbine modeling and simulation software. Featuring analysis from leading experts and researchers in the field, the book provides new understanding, methodologies and algorithms of control and monitoring, computer tools for modeling and simulation, and advances the current state-of-the-art on wind turbine monitoring and fault diagnosis; power converter systems; and cooperative & fault-tolerant control systems for maximizing the wind power generation and reducing the maintenance cost. This book is primarily intended for researchers in the field of wind turbines, control, mechatronics and energy; postgraduates in the field of mechanical and electrical engineering; and graduate and senior undergraduate students in engineering wishing to expand their knowledge of wind energy systems. The book will also interest practicing engineers dealing with wind technology who will benefit from the comprehensive coverage of the theoretic control topics, the simplicity of the models and the use of commonly available control algorithms and monitoring techniques.

WIND TURBINE TECHNOLOGY, is a comprehensive and well illustrated text on the theory and operations of wind turbines that generate electricity for power companies. This text is written for an introductory course in wind energy technology. It prepares readers for a career as wind energy technicians who are responsible for maintaining, servicing and troubleshooting turbines on wind farms. This is an inclusive text that covers the main subjects associated with wind turbines. Dr. Hemami uses a practical, step-by-step manner with many examples and applications to help students to have a better understanding of the material. The text is divided into 17 progressive chapters. The book is divided into progressive sections, starting with fundamental subjects such as energy in the wind and effect of wind on a blade and continues onto more advanced materials such as grid connection and economics of wind turbines. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Wind energy is gaining critical ground in the area of renewable energy, with wind energy being predicted to provide up to 8% of the world’s consumption of electricity by 2021. Advances in wind turbine blade design and materials reviews the design and functionality of wind turbine rotor blades as well as the requirements and challenges for composite materials used in both current and future designs of wind turbine blades. Part one outlines the challenges and developments in wind turbine blade design, including aerodynamic and aeroelastic design features, fatigue loads on wind turbine blades, and characteristics of wind turbine blade airfoils. Part two discusses the fatigue behavior of composite wind turbine blades, including the micromechanical modelling and fatigue life prediction of wind turbine blade composite materials, and the effects of resin and reinforcement variations on the fatigue resistance of wind turbine blades. The final part of the book describes advances in wind turbine blade materials, development and testing, including biobased composites, surface protection and coatings, structural performance testing and the design, manufacture and testing of small wind turbine blades. Advances in wind turbine blade design and materials offers a comprehensive review of the recent advances and challenges encountered in wind turbine blade materials and design, and will provide an invaluable reference for researchers and innovators in the field of wind energy production, including materials scientists and engineers, wind turbine blade manufacturers and maintenance technicians, scientists, researchers and academics. Reviews the design and functionality of wind turbine rotor blades Examines the requirements and challenges for composite materials used in both current and future designs of wind turbine blades Provides an invaluable reference for researchers and innovators in the field of wind energy production

Today's wind energy industry is at a crossroads. Global economic instability has threatened or eliminated many financial incentives that have been important to the development of specific markets. Now more than ever, this essential element of the world energy mosaic will require innovative research and strategic collaborations to bolster the industry as it moves forward. This text details topics fundamental to the efficient operation of modern commercial farms and highlights advanced research that will enable next-generation wind energy technologies. The book is organized into three sections, Inflow and Wake Influences on Turbine Performance, Turbine Structural Response, and Power Conversion, Control and Integration. In addition to fundamental concepts, the reader will be exposed to comprehensive treatments of topics like wake dynamics, analysis of complex turbine blades, and power electronics in small-scale wind turbine systems.

This chapter about biobased composites starts by presenting the most promising types of cellulose fibres; their properties, processing and preforms for composites, together with an introduction to biobased matrix materials. The chapter then presents the typical mechanical properties of biobased composites, based on examples of composites with different fibre/matrix combinations, followed by a case study of the stiffness and specific stiffness of cellulose fibre composites vs glass fibre composites using micromechanical model calculations. Finally, the chapter presents some of the special considerations to be addressed in the development and application of biobased composites.

“Maintenance Management of Wind Turbines” considers the main concepts and the state-of-the-art, as well as advances and case studies on this topic. Maintenance is a critical variable in industry in order to reach competitiveness. It is the most important variable, together with operations, in the wind energy industry. Therefore, the correct management of corrective, predictive and preventive politics in any wind turbine is required. The content also considers original research works that focus on content that is complementary to other sub-disciplines, such as economics, finance, marketing, decision and risk analysis, engineering, etc., in the maintenance management of wind turbines. This book focuses on real case studies. These case studies concern topics such as failure detection and diagnosis, fault trees and subdisciplines (e.g., FMECA, FMEA, etc.) Most of them link these topics with financial, schedule, resources, downtimes, etc., in order to increase productivity, profitability, maintainability, reliability, safety, availability, and reduce costs and downtime, etc., in a wind turbine. Advances in mathematics, models, computational techniques, dynamic analysis, etc., are employed in analytics in maintenance management in this book. Finally, the book considers computational techniques, dynamic analysis, probabilistic methods, and mathematical optimization techniques that are expertly blended to support the analysis of multi-criteria decision-making problems with defined constraints and requirements.

This chapter discusses surface layer protection for wind turbine rotor blades. The surface protection and coating can be a gelcoat or a paint and can be made of unsaturated polyester, epoxy, polyurethane or acrylic. As wind turbines are often erected in harsh climates, the blade surface will be exposed to conditions that cause erosion and wear. There are tests to measure resistance against these attacks, and the surface is designed to minimize damage to the blade caused by the environment. By using existing standards for surface layers for offshore use and for helicopters, it has been found that a combination of accelerated tests for UV degradation, chemical attack and wear give a complete picture of the performance of surface layers.

"Aerodynamics of Wind Turbines is the established essential text for the fundamental solutions to efficient wind turbine design. Now in its second edition it has been entirely updated and substantially extended to reflect advances in technology research into rotor aerodynamics and the structural response of the wind turbine structure. Topics covered include increasing mass flow through the turbine performance at low and high wind speeds assessment of the extreme conditions under which the turbine will perform and the theory for calculating the lifetime of the turbine. The classical Blade Element Momentum method is also covered as are eigenmodes and the dynamic behaviour of a turbine. The new material includes a description of the effects of the dynamics and how this can be modelled in an 'aeroelastic code' which is widely used in the design and verification of modern wind turbines. Further the description of how to calculate the vibration of the whole construction as well as the time varying loads has been substantially updated."--Publisher's website.

Aeroelasticity concerns the interaction between aerodynamics, dynamics and elasticity. This interaction can result in negatively or badly damped wind turbine blade modes, which can have a significant effect on the turbine lifetime. The first aeroelastic problem that occurred on commercial wind turbines concerned a negatively damped edgewise mode. It is important to ensure that there is some out-of-plane deformation in this mode shape to prevent the instability. For larger turbine blades with lower torsional stiffness and the possibility of higher tip speeds for the offshore designs, classical flutter could also become relevant. When designing a wind turbine blade, it is therefore crucial that there is enough damping for the different modes and that there is no coincidence of natural frequencies with excitation frequencies (resonance). An effective aeroelastic analysis is also important, and the tools used for such an analysis must include the necessary detail in the structural model.

Focusing on Aerodynamics of Wind Turbines with topics ranging from Fundamental to Application of horizontal axis wind turbines, this book presents advanced topics including: Basic Theory for Wind turbine Blade Aerodynamics, Dynamics-Based Health Monitoring and Control of Wind Turbine Rotors, Experimental Testing of Wind Turbines Using Wind Tunnels with an Emphasis on Small-Scale Wind Turbines Under Low-Reynolds Numbers, Computational Methods, Ice Accretion for Wind Turbines and Influence of Some Parameters, and Special Structural Reinforcement Technique for Wind Turbine Blades. Consequently, for these reasons, analysis of wind turbines will attract readers not only from the wind energy community but also in the gas turbines heat transfer and fluid mechanics community.

This CRADA was developed as a funds-in CRADA with DeWind to assess the suitability of facilities and equipment at the NWTC for performing certification blade testing on wind turbine blades made from advanced materials. DeWind produces a wind turbine blade which includes the use of high-strength and stiffness materials. NREL and DeWind had a mutual interest in defining the necessary facilities, equipment, and test methods for testing large wind turbine blades which incorporate advanced materials and adaptive structures, as the demands on test equipment and infrastructure are greater than current capabilities. Work under this CRADA would enable DeWind to verify domestic capability for certification-class static and fatigue testing, while NREL would be able to identify and develop specialized test capabilities based on the test requirements.

With an annual growth rate of over 35%, wind is the fastest growing energy source in the world today. As a result of intensive research and developmental efforts, the technology of generating energy from wind has significantly changed during the past five years. The book brings together all the latest aspects of wind energy conversion technology - right from the wind resource analysis to grid integration of the wind generated electricity. The chapters are contributed by academic and industrial experts having vast experience in these areas. Each chapter begins with an introduction explaining the current status of the technology and proceeds further to the advanced lever to cater for the needs of readers from different subject backgrounds. Extensive

bibliography/references appended to each chapter give further guidance to the interested readers.
Offshore Wind Turbine End of Life Scenarios: Service Life Extension and Decommissioning provides all the information required to make considered decisions about what will happen when wind turbines reach the end of their nominated life span. The book outlines a holistic approach to wind turbine asset assessment as a foundation for end of service life planning. The first two chapters introduce the topic of wind turbine end of life scenarios and review relevant legislation and standards, as well as outlining decision criteria and methods for techno economic assessment. After a chapter on supply chain issues, the authors then go on to cover the scenario of service life extension, from design and inspection to certification. This is followed by a chapter on decommissioning, once again from design of the process to recycling. The requirements of certifying authorities and insurers are then discussed, leading to a chapter on environmental impact assessment, which considers pre and post mortem inspection and environmental life cycle assessment. Readers are then presented with a series of case studies to illustrate the principles discussed in the preceding chapters. A summary and conclusions complete the book. This book is a unique and essential resource for all those who are required to assess wind turbine assets and make decisions on wind turbine end of life scenarios. First book to address this crucial topic, meeting the need for a consolidated source of information in this area Includes case studies to illustrate the methods proposed Gives practical advice on technical considerations for wind turbine service life extension and decommissioning, as well as covering the requirements of external stakeholders, such as certification authorities, insurers and environmental agencies