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Design and Optimization of Composite Base Frames & Shaft of Wind Turbine for Catamaran

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Introduction

Energy Observer





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1. History of The Boat

Formule Tag (1983)



- 24 m long
- Jules Verne Trophy 75 days (1994)

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2. Main objectives of the study

 Design & Structural Analyzes of Vertical Axis Wind Turbine and Its Support



 Investigation of damping material selection





3. Presentation of Wind Turbine and Its Finite Element Model

Aerojoules



Adaptation of Aerojoules to Energy Observer

- Designing an Appropriate Support
- Using composite shaft





3. Presentation of Wind Turbine and Its Finite Element Model



Expected Minimum Bending Natural Frequency

Maximum Rotation of Turbine : 300 RPM Frequency = n(blades) x RPM / 60 3×300 RPM / 60 = 5 RPS $5 \times 3 = 15$ Hz



3. Presentation of Wind Turbine and Its Finite Element Model (Modifications)



1st Bending Mode : 11,6 Hz 2nd Bending Mode : 11,7 Hz



1st Bending Mode : 10,9 Hz 2nd Bending Mode : 11,3 Hz



1st Bending Mode : 11,9 Hz 2nd Bending Mode : 12,2 Hz



1st Bending Mode : 12,1 Hz 2nd Bending Mode : 12,4 Hz

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4. Parametric Study of Composite Fixed Shaft

- Carbon epoxy composite material
- 80 mm of external diameter
- Same behavior as Aerojoules



Thickness (mm)	1 st Mode Frequency (Hz)	2 nd Mode Frequency (Hz)	3 rd Mode Frequency(Hz)	Stacking Sequence
16	9 (180 rpm)	9,2 (184 rpm)	16 (320 rpm)	([-30,0,30,0] ₄ ,[45,0-45,0]) _s
16	9,1 (182 rpm)	9,3 (186 rpm)	16 (320 rpm)	([-30,0,30,0] ₅) _s
24	9,6 (192 rpm)	10 (200 rpm)	16,5 (330 rpm)	([-30,0,30,0] ₆ , -30,0,[45,0-45,0]) _s
24	9,7 (194 rpm)	10 (200 rpm)	16,5 (330 rpm)	([-30,0,30,0] ₇ , -30,0) _s

5. Static and Dynamic Analysis of Entire Optimized Model



9.1 Hz (182 RPM) RPM)

9.3 Hz (186 RPM) 9 Hz (180

5. Static and Dynamic Analysis of Entire Optimized Model





 Less than 25 % of Elastic limit

144 MPa 1st Layer 121 MPa 3rd layer



Carbon composite with viscoelastic material

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- 3 different type of samples:
- 0 layer of DYAD
- 2 layers of DYAD
- 4 layers of DYAD



Flexion 3 points







EoD = 72 GPa E2D = 1,3 GPa E4D = 0,33 GPa

Shear Modulus of DYAD: T = 0,33 Mpa (Steel = 70000 MPa)

Frequency Response Analyses Experiment





Samples	1st Natural Frequencies
0D	58.9 Hz
2D	55.1 Hz
4D	52 Hz

7. Comparison between Experimental and Numerical Results2D Sample

First Bending Mode at 53.5 Hz



Samples	1st Natural Frequencies
0D	58.9 Hz
2D	55.1 Hz
4D	52 Hz

Torsion Mode at 86.3 Hz





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7. Comparison between Experimental and Numerical Results Experimentally





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8. Conclusions

- Using more composite layers or having an interior structure of a composite support does not increase sufficiently the stifness of entire system and consequently the first natural frequency.
- Implemented viscoelastic material increases the damping characteristics of carbon epoxy composites, however it causes a significant decrement on Young's modulus.

9. Future Work

Perforation of small holes on DYAD 601 (Pan & Zhang 2009)





Thank you.

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