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1. Geometry Description

1.1 General Geometry Information

- Angular Speed: 2 rps=120 rpm
- Base Geometry: 4-blade with expended area ratio of EAR=0.60, with zero skew, zero rake and constant pitch distribution of p/D=1.0
- Hub/diameter ratio: d/D=0.26, tapered hub at 15 degrees

1.2 Model Propeller:

- Propeller similitude constant was set at 10 (meter)*(rps) with design advance coefficient of J=V/(nD)=0.8. The required velocity is then V=8 m/s, within the capacity of IOT Towing Tank carriage's maximum speed of 9 m/s. Model was designed for tests in both two tank (for very low J and comparison) and cavitation tunnel (for cavitation condition).

- Diameter D=0.270 meters (10.63")
- Angular speed n=10/0.270= 37.03703 rps= 2222.2222 rpm.
- Hub diameter d=0.27×0.26=0.0702m (2.7638")
- This gives a Reynolds Number of about 2.3 x 10^6 at 0.7R.

1.3 Blade Section Geometry:

- NACA 66 (DTMB Modified)
- A=0.8 Meanline

The blade profile was modified from a DTMB P4119 propeller [ITTC 1998]. A proportional reduction of the expanded area ratio was made. The geometry component of PROPELLA was run for a number of times to obtain the designed expanded area ratio, EAR, as follows:

r/R	cd	p/D	60% cd	75% cd	80% cd	100% cd	120%
0.3000	0.3625	1.1020	0.2175	0.2719	0.2900	0.3625	0.4350
0.4000	0.4048	1.0980	0.2429	0.3036	0.3238	0.4048	0.4858
0.5000	0.4392	1.0930	0.2635	0.3294	0.3514	0.4392	0.5270
0.6000	0.4610	1.0880	0.2766	0.3458	0.3688	0.4610	0.5532
0.7000	0.4622	1.0840	0.2773	0.3467	0.3698	0.4622	0.5546
0.8000	0.4347	1.0810	0.2608	0.3260	0.3478	0.4347	0.5216
0.9000	0.3613	1.0790	0.2168	0.2710	0.2890	0.3613	0.4336
0.9500	0.2775	1.0770	0.1665	0.2081	0.2220	0.2775	0.3330
1.0000	0.1600	1.0750	0.0960	0.1200	0.1280	0.1600	0.1920

Geometry 2 planform, 60%cd yields EAR=0.457

0.3000	0.2175	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.2429	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.2635	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.2766	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.2773	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.2608	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9000	0.2168	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.1665	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.0960	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Trial planform, 75%cd yields EAR=0.571286

0.3000	0.2719	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.3036	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.3294	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.3458	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.3467	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.3260	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9000	0.2710	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.2081	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.1200	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Trial planform, 80%cd yields EAR=0.609372

0.3000	0.2900	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.3238	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.3514	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.3688	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.3698	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.3478	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9000	0.2890	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.2220	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.1280	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Trial planform, 100%cd yields EAR=0.761715

0.3000	0.3625	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.4048	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.4392	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.4610	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.4622	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.4347	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9000	0.3613	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.2775	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.1600	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Trial planform, 120%cd yields EAR=0.914058

0.3000	0.4350	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.4858	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.5270	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.5532	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.5546	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.5216	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9000	0.4336	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.3330	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.1920	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

Trial planform, 78.77236%cd yields EAR=0.600021

0.3000	0.2855	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.4000	0.3189	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.5000	0.3460	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.6000	0.3631	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.7000	0.3641	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.8000	0.3424	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

0.9000	0.2846	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
0.9500	0.2186	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000
1.0000	0.1260	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000

%cd	EAR
0.6000	0.457
0.7500	0.5713
0.8000	0.6094
1.0000	0.7617
1.2000	0.9141

The reduction factor was determined by the following plot:

EAR vs % chordlength of P4119

Expaned area ratio vs 100% chord length

$y = -0.0002x^2 + 0.7621x - 0.0002$

$R^2 = 1$

Solve for above equation for EAR=0.6,
x%=0.78772352928975113539296443018131
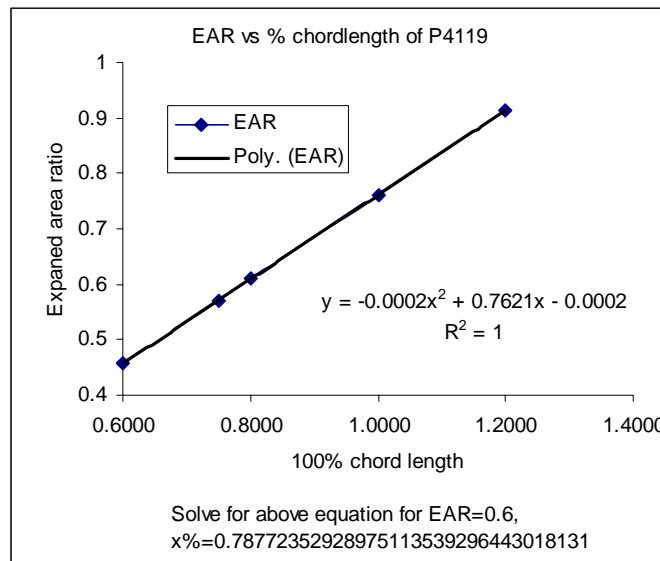
1.4   Base Propeller Sectional Geometry Offsets:

r	cd	pd	tc	fc
0.30	0.285550	1.0000	0.15530	0.02318
0.40	0.318870	1.0000	0.11800	0.02303
0.50	0.345968	1.0000	0.09160	0.02182
0.60	0.363141	1.0000	0.06960	0.02072
0.70	0.364086	1.0000	0.05418	0.02003
0.80	0.342423	1.0000	0.04206	0.01967
0.90	0.284605	1.0000	0.03321	0.01817
0.95	0.218593	1.0000	0.03228	0.01631
1.00	0.126036	1.0000	0.03160	0.01175

1.5   Sectional Maximum Thickness and Camber Distribution are then:

xc	tc	fc
0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.0125	0.2088	0.0907
0.0250	0.2932	0.1586
0.0500	0.4132	0.2712
0.0750	0.5050	0.3657
0.1000	0.5814	0.4482
0.1500	0.7042	0.5869
0.2000	0.8000	0.6993
0.3000	0.9274	0.8635
0.4000	0.9904	0.9615
0.4500	1.0000	0.9881
0.5000	0.9924	1.0000
0.6000	0.9306	0.9786
0.7000	0.8070	0.8892
0.8000	0.6220	0.7027
0.9000	0.3754	0.3586
0.9500	0.2286	0.1713
1.0000	0.0666	0.0000

1.6 Hub geometry

- Diameter D=0.270 meters (10.63")
- Hub diameter d=0.27*0.26=0.0702m (2.7638")
- d/D=0.26
- L_{hub}=0.0434m (1.70866")
- Angle of taper 15 degrees
- This gives $Delta_r$=5.8114497476 mm (0.228917223")
- D_{front}=81.8229 mm (3.221374")
- D_{rear}=58.5771 mm (2.306185")

1.7 Propeller name legend (all are 4-bladed propellers):

PP00+00C0 with
P for podded,
P for propeller,
00 for zero degree of skew,
+00 for positive zero rake,
C/V for Constant/Variable pitch, and
0/1/… for NACA 66 Modified/critical cavitation number based/…

Therefore, the name for the base propeller is PP00+00C0.

1.8 Geometry Details (Part of the Input for PROPELLA)

The following lists a section of the input file for PROPELLA. The blade sectional offsets were described using two sets of x-y coordinates for blade back and face, respectively.

```
------------------------ Blade Outline Geometry Input-------------------
Number of radii *N_Radius* are available for given offset (integer):
9
Diameter of the propeller *DIAMETER* in meters (real number):
0.270
Ratio of the hub diameter to the propeller diameter *H_to_D* (real):
0.26
Pitch at 0.7R based on DIAMETER *Pitch07R* (real number):
1.0
Setting the wake angle factor or not? *S_W_Ang* (AUTO/MANUAL/NO)
AUTO
PITCH at RootChord *RtPitch* is (real number)
1.0
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------
RADIUS  CHRDLNG PITCH    SKEW     RAKE ThickUp ThickLo SWAngOffst
                *Blade Outline Marker*
0.300000  0.285550  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.400000  0.318870  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.500000  0.345968  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.600000  0.363141  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.700000  0.364086  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.800000  0.342423  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.900000  0.284605  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
0.950000  0.218593  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000
1.000000  0.126036  1.000000  0.000000  0.000000  1.000000  1.000000  0.000000

----------------------- Blade Sectional Data Input-----------------
Max. thick. at shaft centre based on DIAMETER *Thick_0* (real number):
0.08468
Max. thick. at 90% Radius based on DIAMETER *Thick_09* (real number):
0.012
Blade tip thickness *Thick_Tip* at r=1.0R based on DIAMETER (Real):
0.0048
     *BLADE SECTIONS*
Number of given sectional offsets *NC_Statn* (integer):
18
 *Statn_Up*  *Thick_Up*  *Statn_Lo*  *Thick_Lo*
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  20.000000   7.832978  20.000000  -4.591023
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95.000000	0.648351	95.000000	-0.089570
100.000000	0.000000	100.000000	0.000000

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15.000001	1.802243	15.000001	-0.423028
20.000000	2.085677	20.000000	-0.442322
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40.000000	2.694594	40.000000	-0.435069
45.000000	2.741017	45.000000	-0.418982
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1.9 Graphical descriptions of the Propeller Geometry

The following are a few plots generated from the PROPELLA code. The view was created by its visualization component as well.
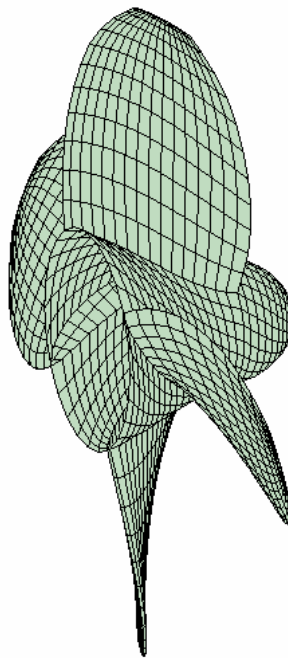

Figure 1. Blade Maximum Thickness Profile

Figure 2. Propeller hidden-line mesh view
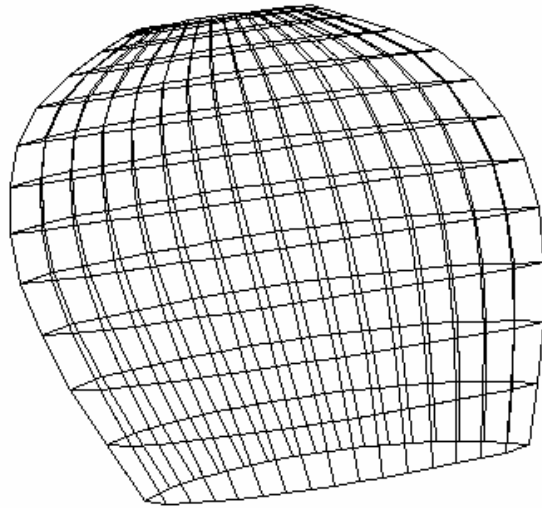
Figure 3. Propeller Blade Expended Planform Profile
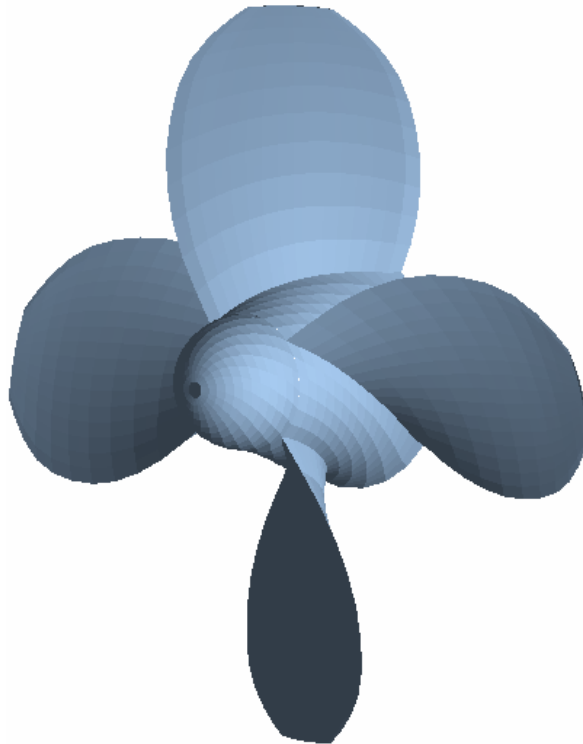
Figure 4. Solid Modeling View of the Propeller
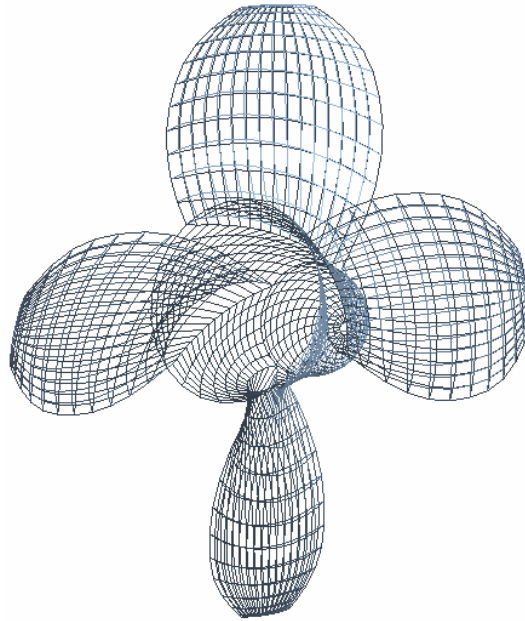
Figure 5. Wire-frame View of the Propeller

Figure 6 shows the thickness and camber distribution of the blades.
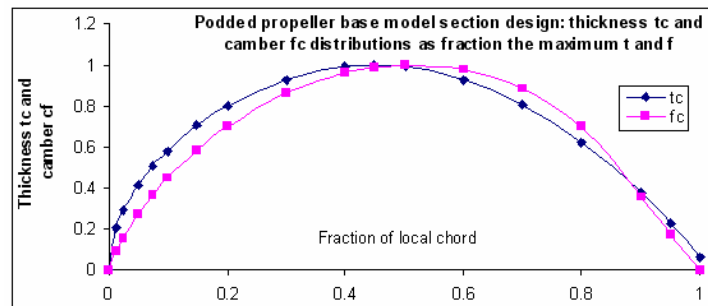
Figure 6. Thickness and Camber Distribution

Figure 7. shows planform shape (chord width), maximum thickness, maximum camber and pitch ratio distribution of the blade.
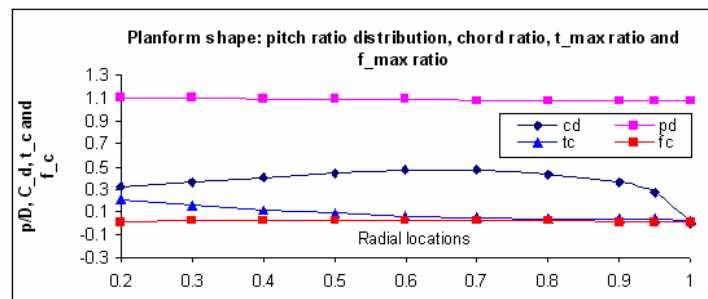
Figure 7. Blade Planform Shape, Radial Pitch Distribution and Maximum Thickness and Camber ratios

2. Hydrodynamic Prediction and Comparison

The code PROPELLA was then used to make the prediction before the model was manufactured.

1.10 Numerical and experimental comparison on propulsive characteristics

Figures 8 and 9 show the thrust, torque coefficients and efficiency of the model propeller with a hub of zero taper angle, and the propeller outlook, respectively.
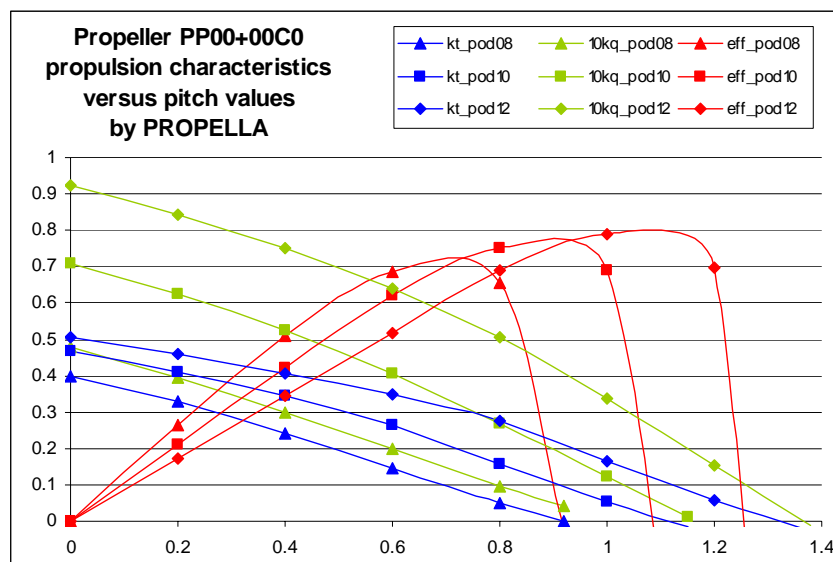
Figure 8. Propulsive characteristics of the model propeller with p/D of 0.8, 0.9 and 1.0 by PROPELLA.
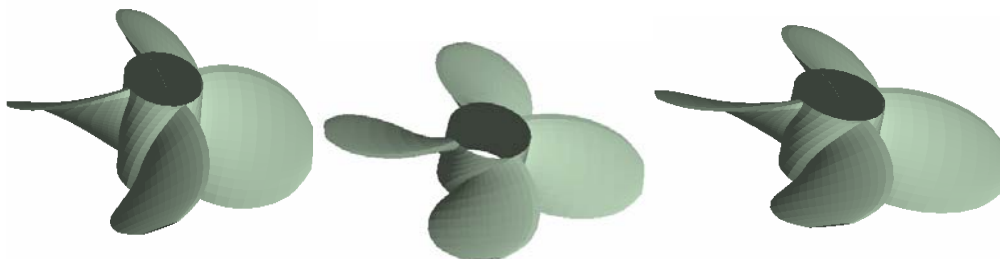
Figure 9. Outlook of the model propeller with no tapered hub and p/D of 0.8, 0.9 and 1.0.

The following comparison plots were made after the experimental tests were completed later (Islam et. al. 2005).
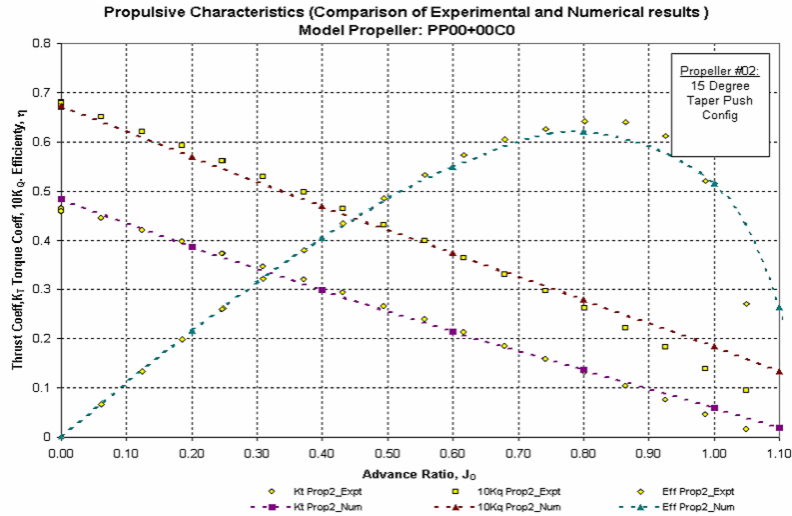
Figure 10. Experimental and numerical prediction of propulsive characteristics of the model prop at taper angle of 15° (pushing configuration).
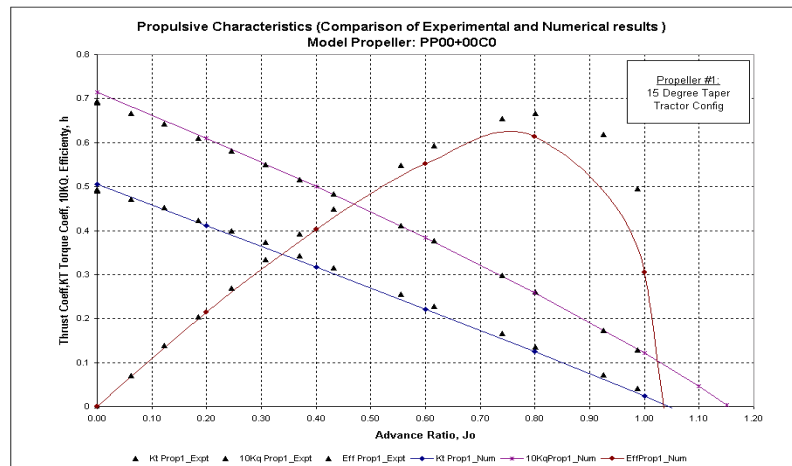

Figure 11. Experimental and numerical prediction of propulsive characteristics of the model prop at taper angle of -15° (tractor type).

1.11 Other Numerical Predictions

The followings are a few other predictions. Figure 12 shows Blade root section pressure coefficient distribution of the model propeller with a taper angle of 15° (pusher type).
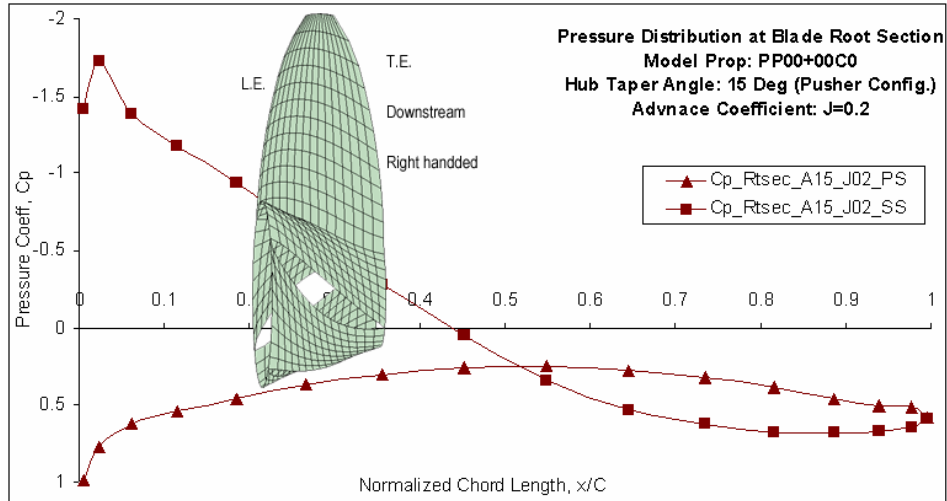
Figure 12. Blade root section pressure coefficient distribution of the model propeller with a taper angle of 15° (pusher type).
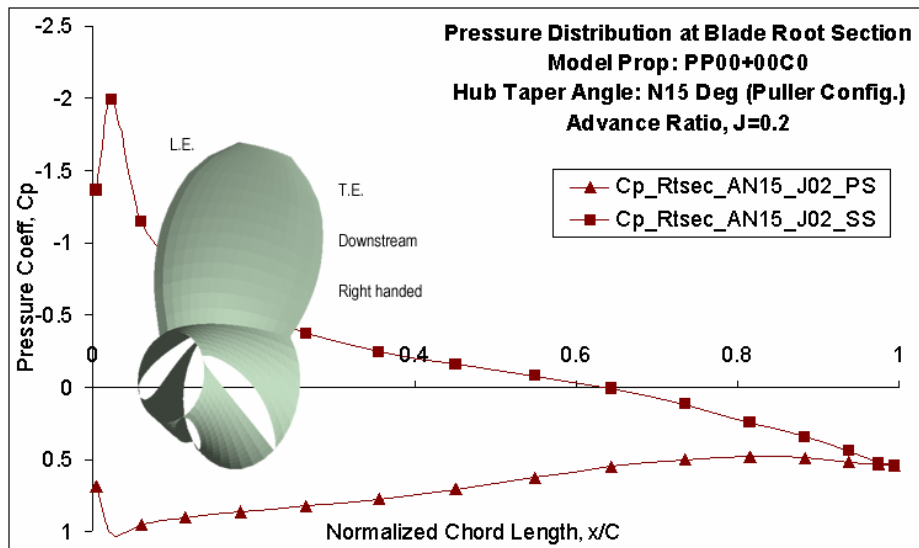

Figure 13. Blade root section pressure coefficient distribution of the model propeller with a taper angle of -15° (tractor type).

In figure 12, due to the geometrical intersection of the blade root section and the tapered hub, the camber of the blade root section was changed to produce a poor hydrodynamic characteristic, i.e., two undesired pressure curves that would cancel the total pressure on the blade root section. However, in figure 13, the intersection of the blade root section and the hub produced a more hydrodynamic shape that produced a better pressure distribution. This geometrical difference was part of the reasons for the puller type propeller having a higher efficiency at the designed load condition (design speed).

3. Conclusion

A base podded propeller model was designed and a propeller software package, PROPELLA, was used as a tool in the design process. Comparison between the numerical prediction that was generated by PROPELLA and the experimental measurements afterward was given. The change of the blade root sectional shape due to the intersection of the blade root section and the tapered hub could be one of the reasons that the tractor type propeller has a higher efficiency than the puller type at the design speed (J=0.8 for the model under examination).

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