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Blade camber effects on the performance of the H-Darrieus rotor is studied. RANS model was solved using commercial CFD package ANSYS-FLUENT. The numerical results revealed that the negatively cambered airfoil is not a suitable option for practical VAWT. Results also shows that the effect of using adequate time step and convergence criteria is crucial to produce results that are in a close match with experimental results.

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Dedication

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List of Symbols and Abbreviations

Symbols

$2D$	two dimensional
c	chord length [m]
C_P	wind turbine power coefficient
C_{press}	pressure coefficient
C_T	wind turbine torque coefficient
D	turbine diameter [m]
D_{RR}	rotating domain diameter [m]
F	external body force
g	gravitational body force
I	unit tensor
λ	tip speed ratio, $\Omega R U_\infty$ [-]
μ	molecular viscosity
N	blade number
Ω	rotational speed of the turbine [s^{-1}]
P	static pressure [$\frac{N.m}{m^2}$]
$\bar{\bar{\tau}}$	stress tensor
P_{blades}	power generated by the turbine blades
P_{brake}	measured power
$P_{parasite}$	parasitic power
P_W	total aerodynamic power (ideal) going into turbine
R	turbine radius [m]
ρ	fluid density
Re	Reynolds number
ρ	air density [$\frac{kg}{m^3}$]
σ	turbine solidity
t	time [sec]
T	torque per unit length [$\frac{N.m}{m}$]