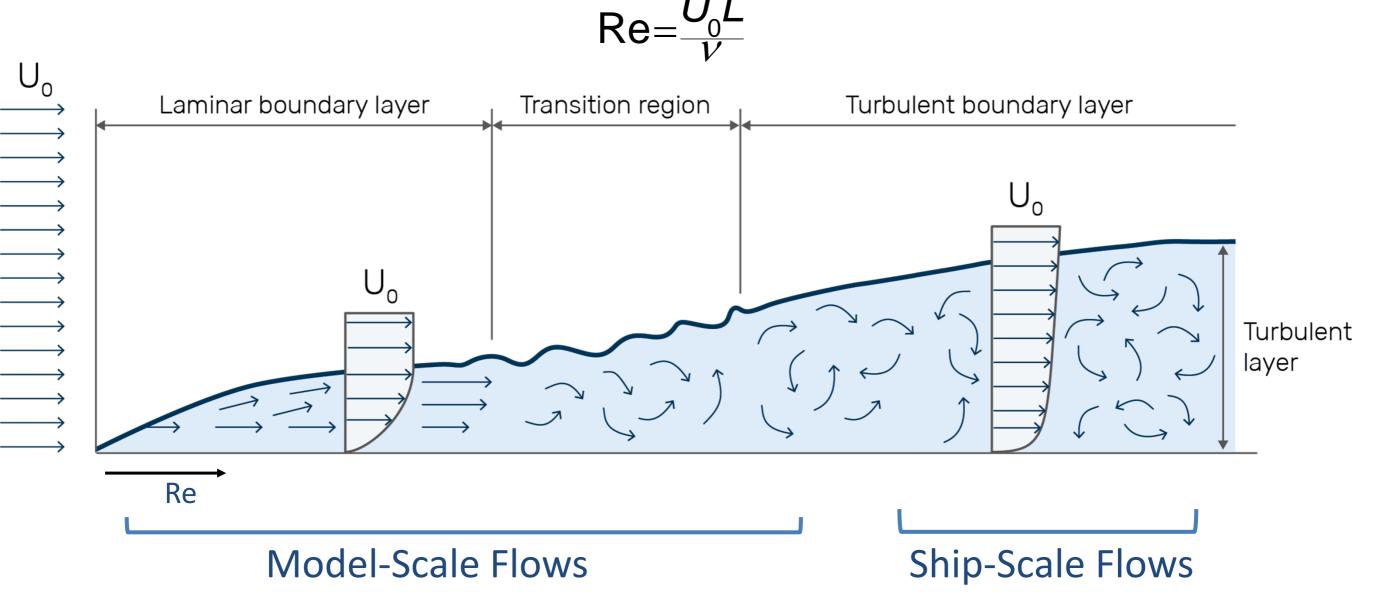




An Experimental Study on Visualisation and Passive Control of Model Propeller Boundary Layer

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#### **Laminar versus Turbulent Flow**

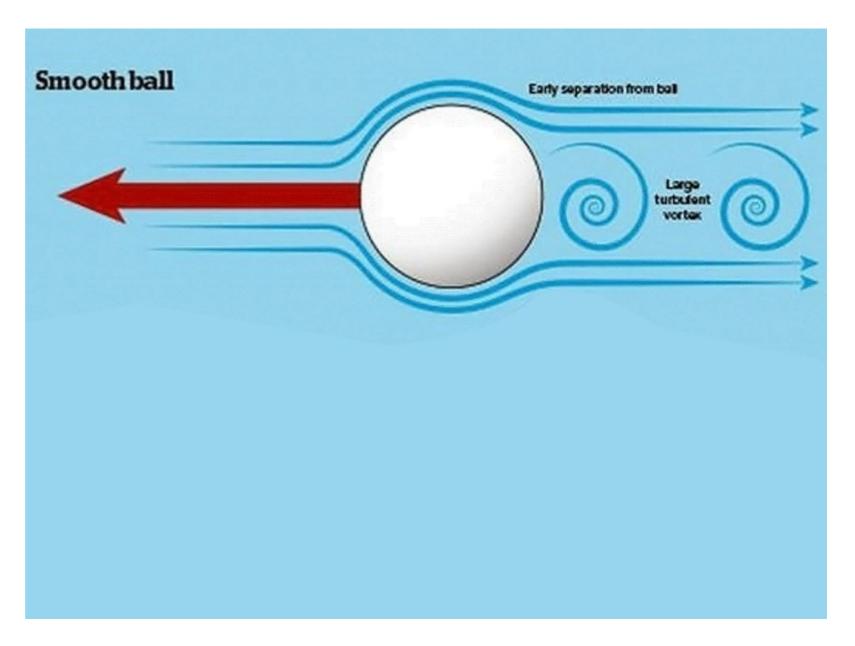








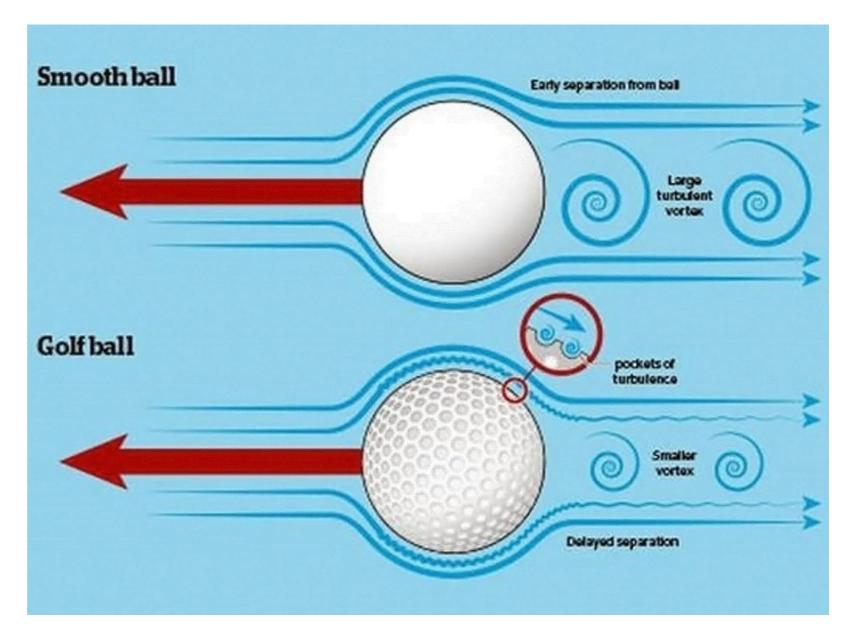
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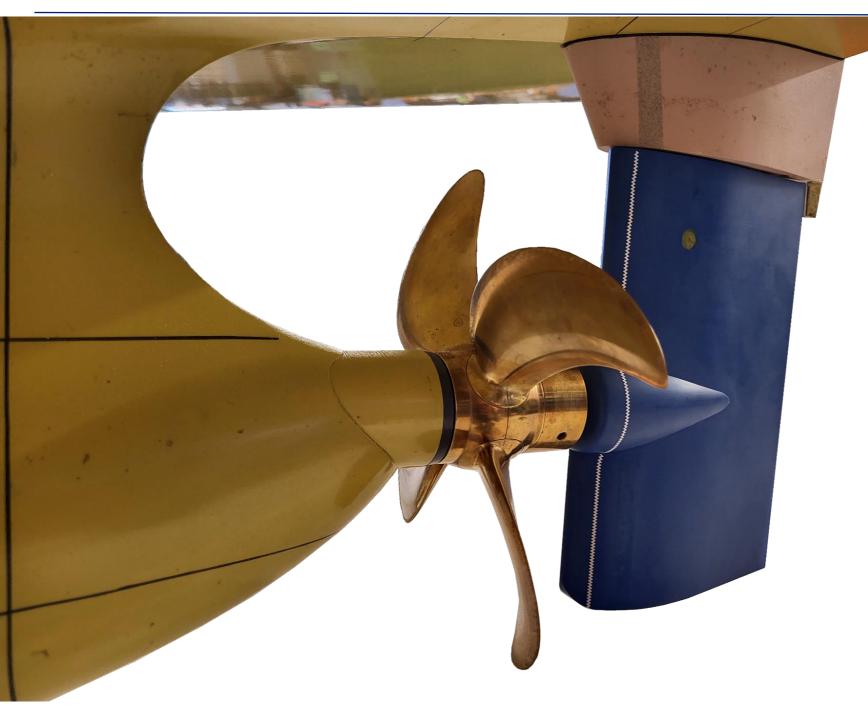


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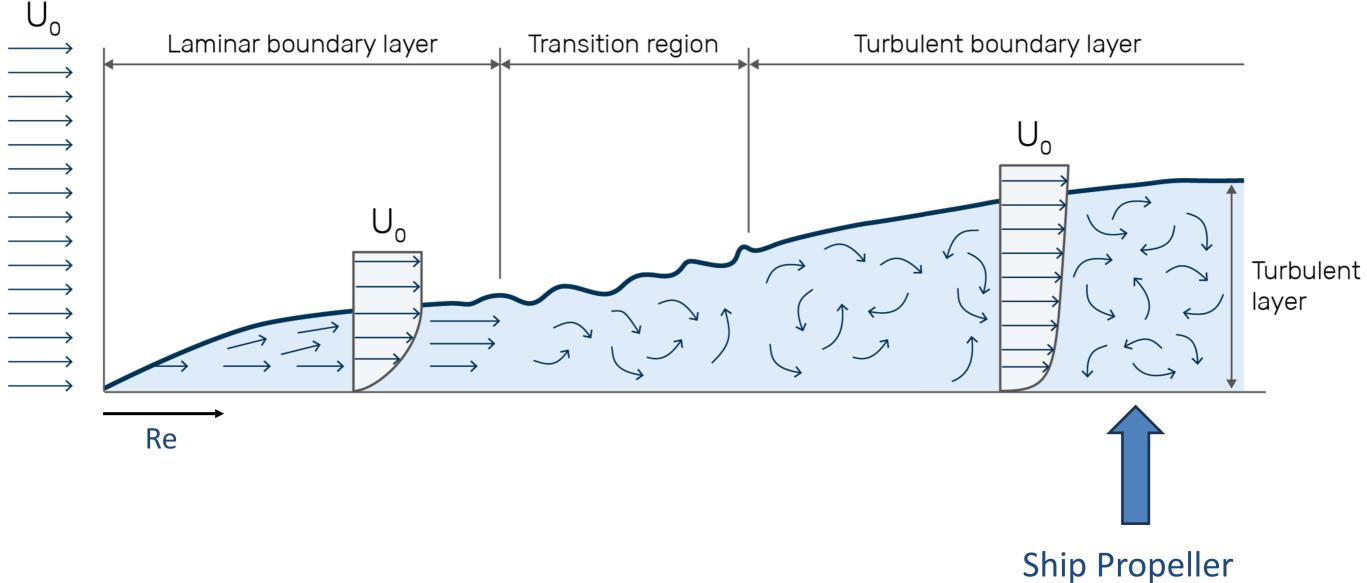
- Turbulent boundary layer
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  - Energizing the boundary layer
  - Delayed separation



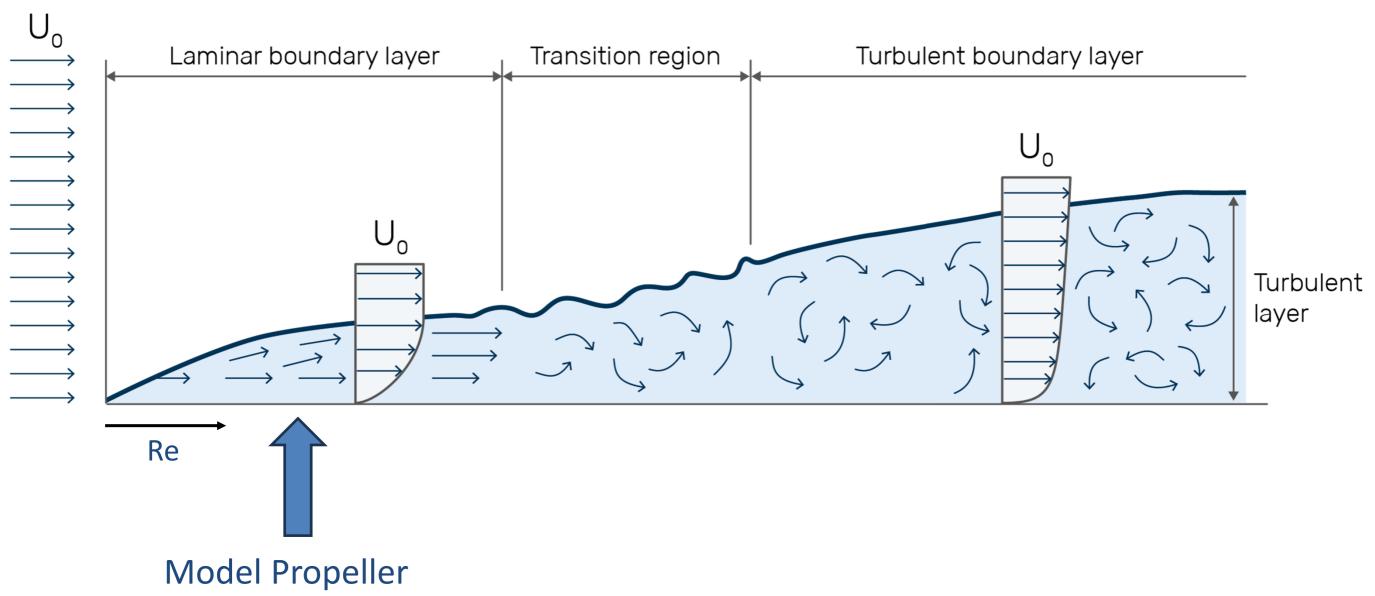




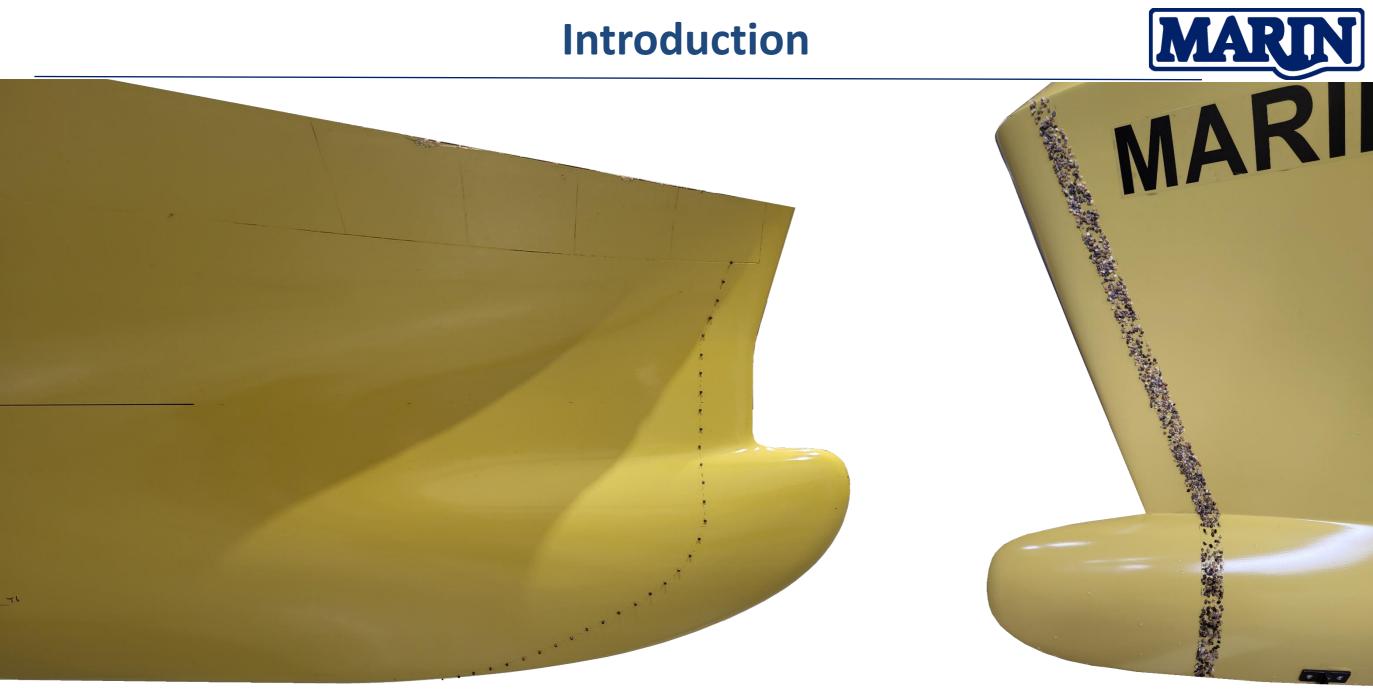








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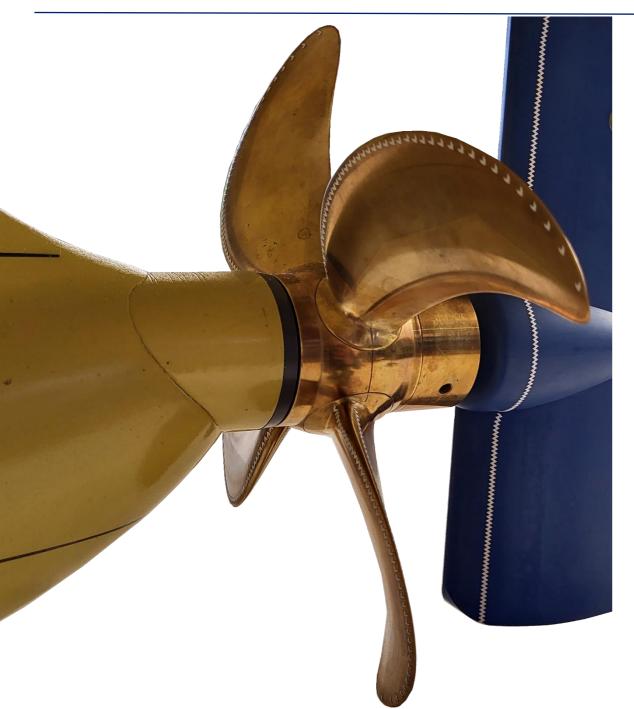
#### Introduction





- Decades of experience
- Propeller performance
  decreases
- What is the penalty of the turbulence stimulation?
- The propeller geometry is changed
- The extrapolation procedure is not valid anymore

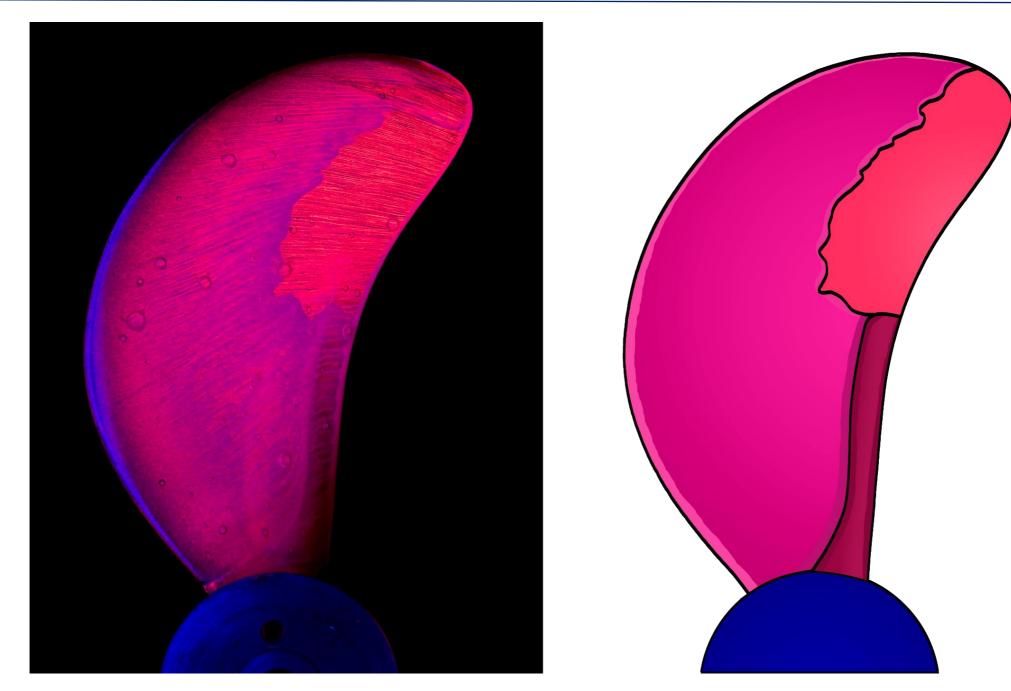
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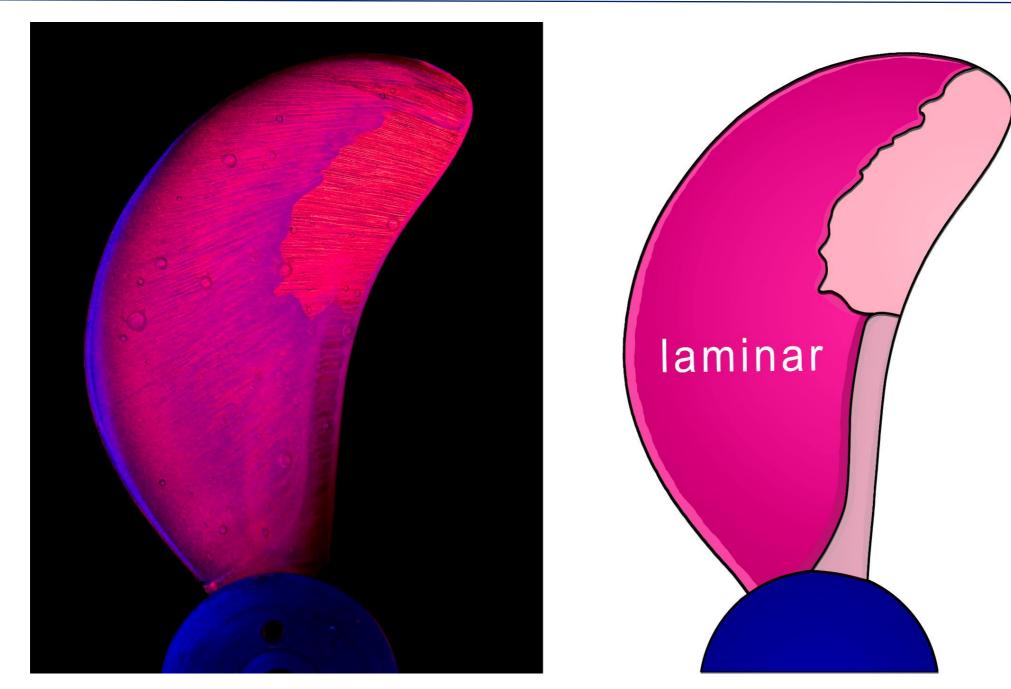
- High quality experimental boundary layer visualisation
- Simple, reliable and effective turbulence stimulation for model propellers



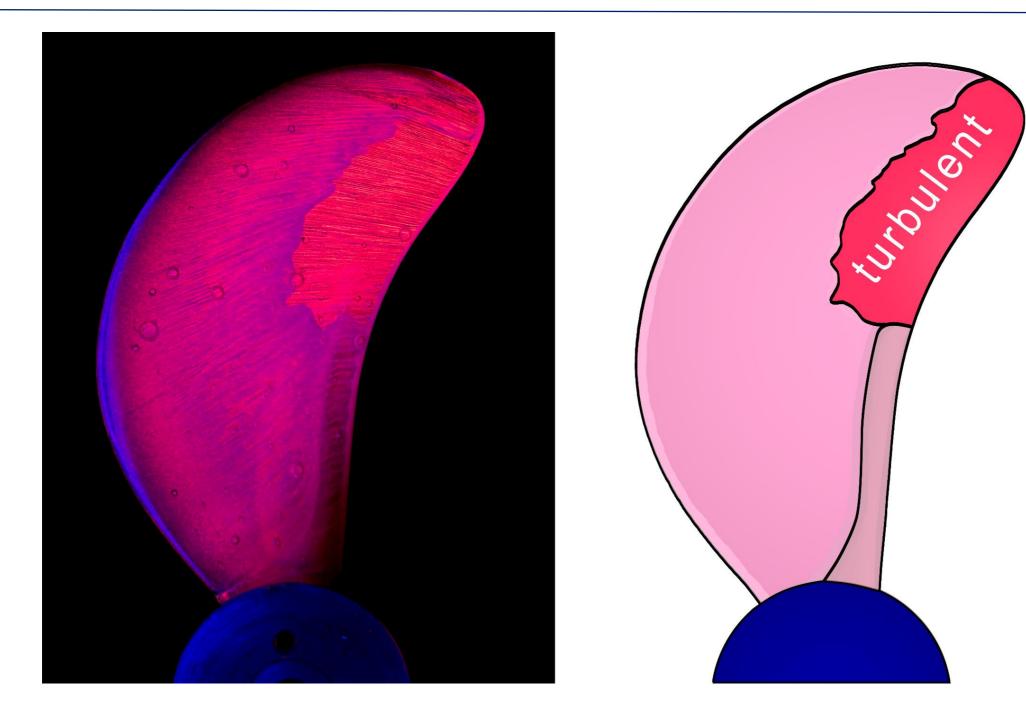




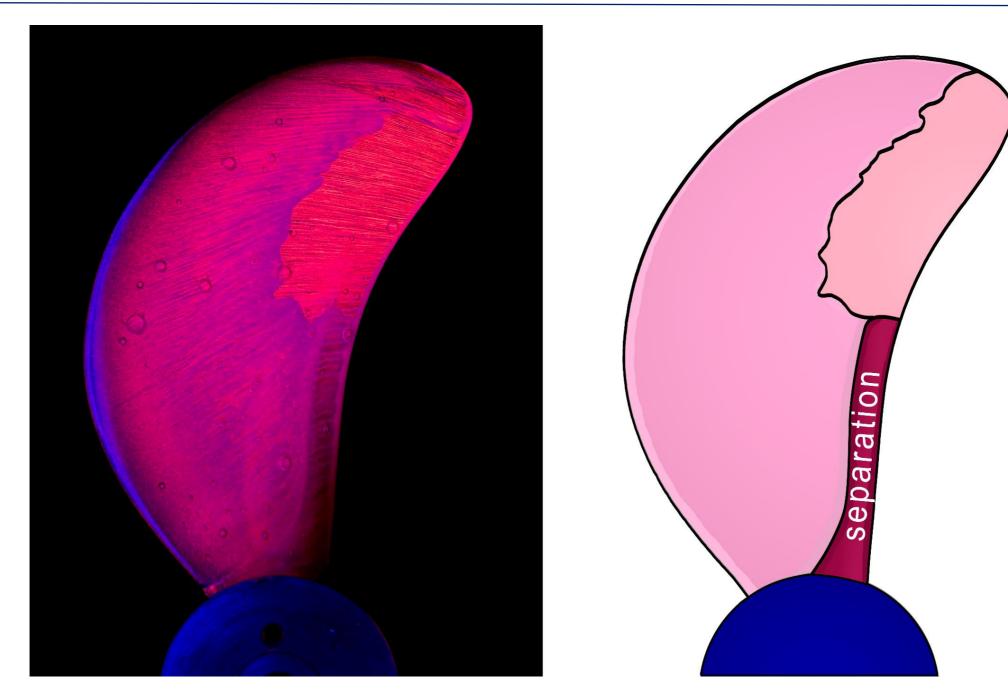




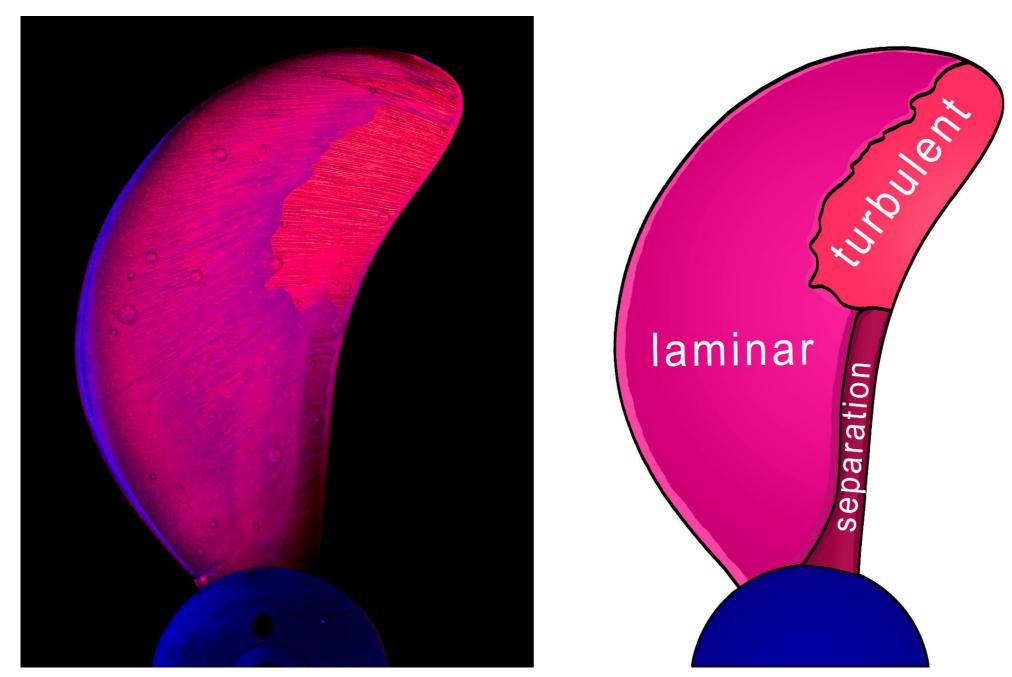




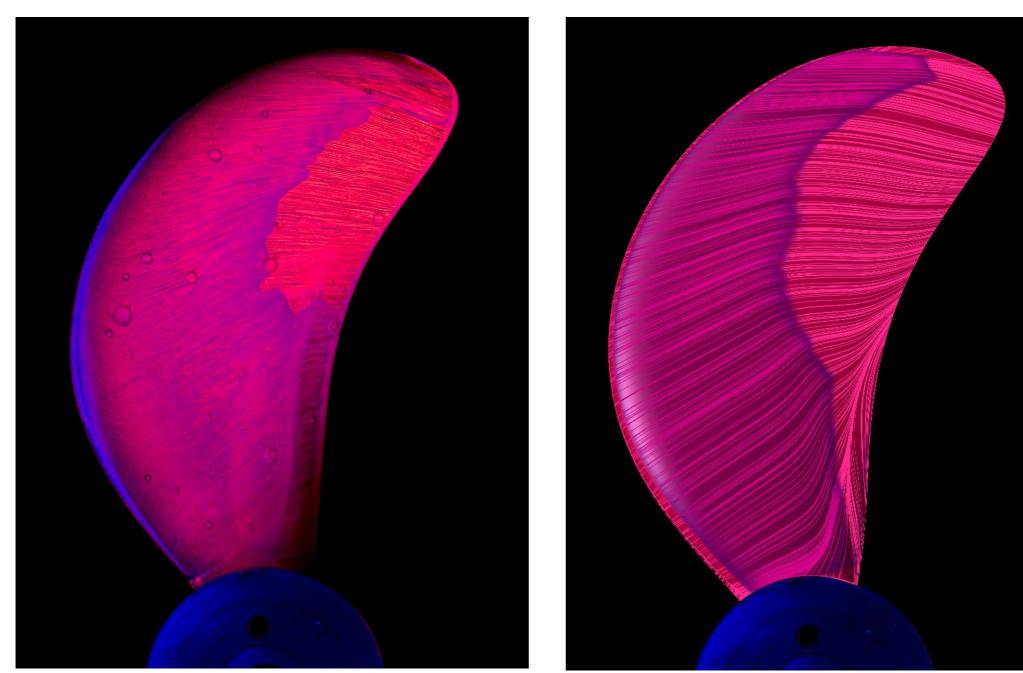












#### **Paint Test Procedure**





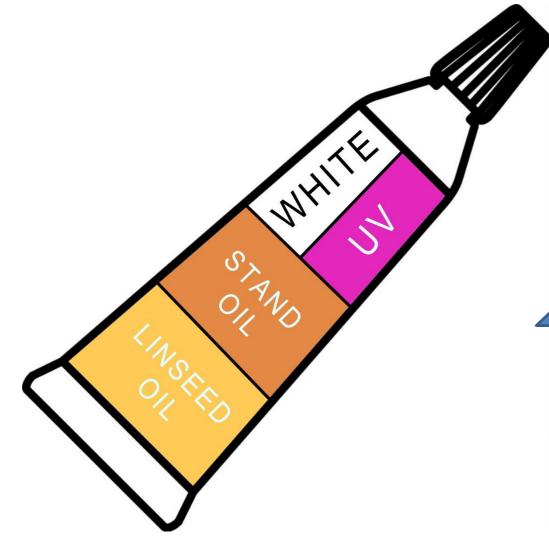
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# Viscosity

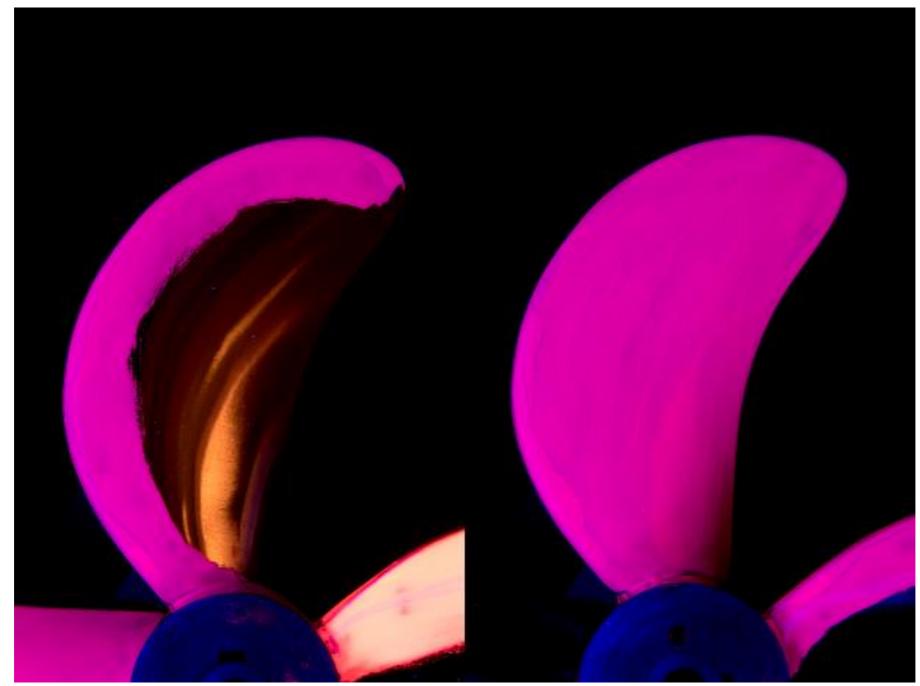
- The resistance to flow
- Sufficiently high

Yield Stress

- The amount of stress to permanently deform a material
- Preferably low

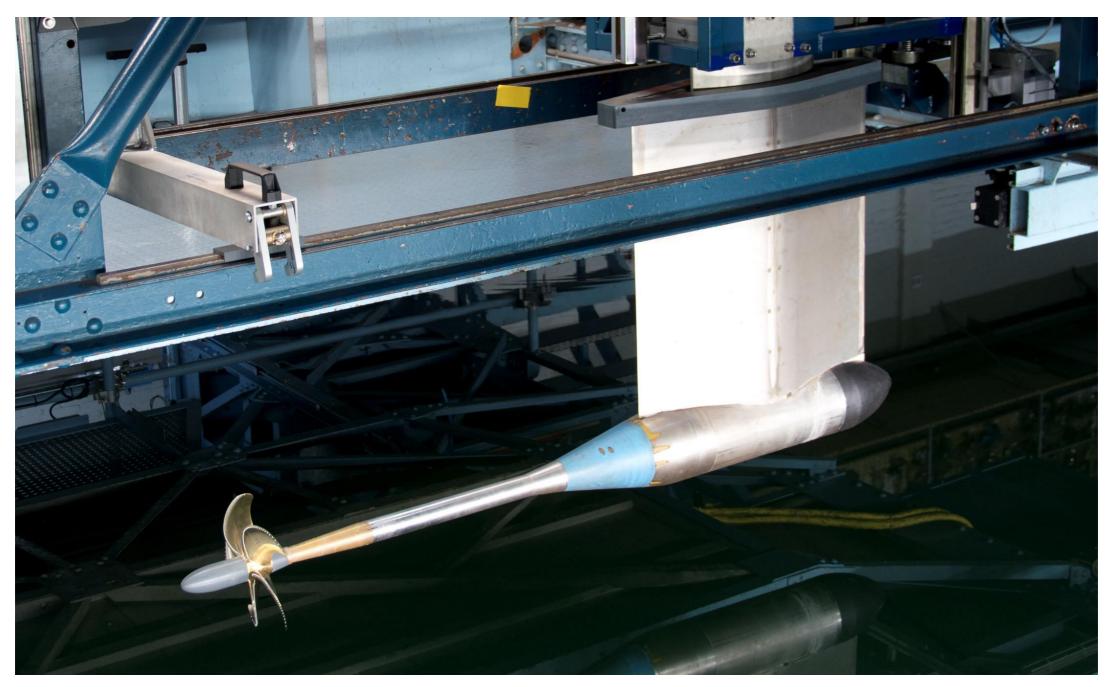
# **Step 2: Applying the Paint**





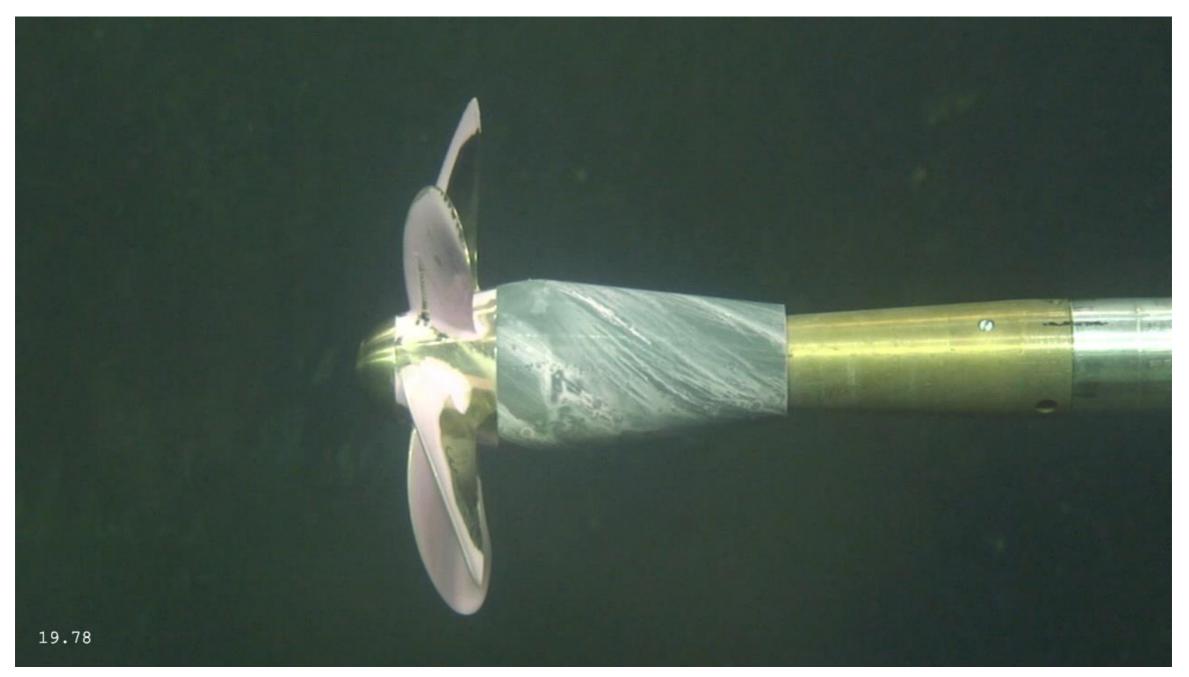
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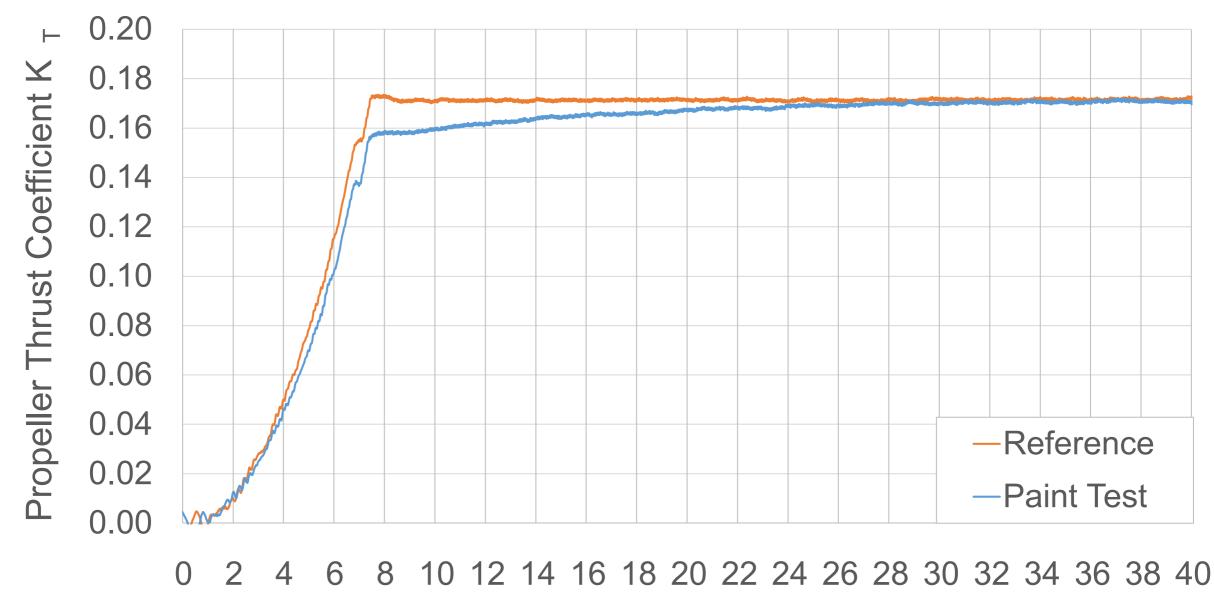


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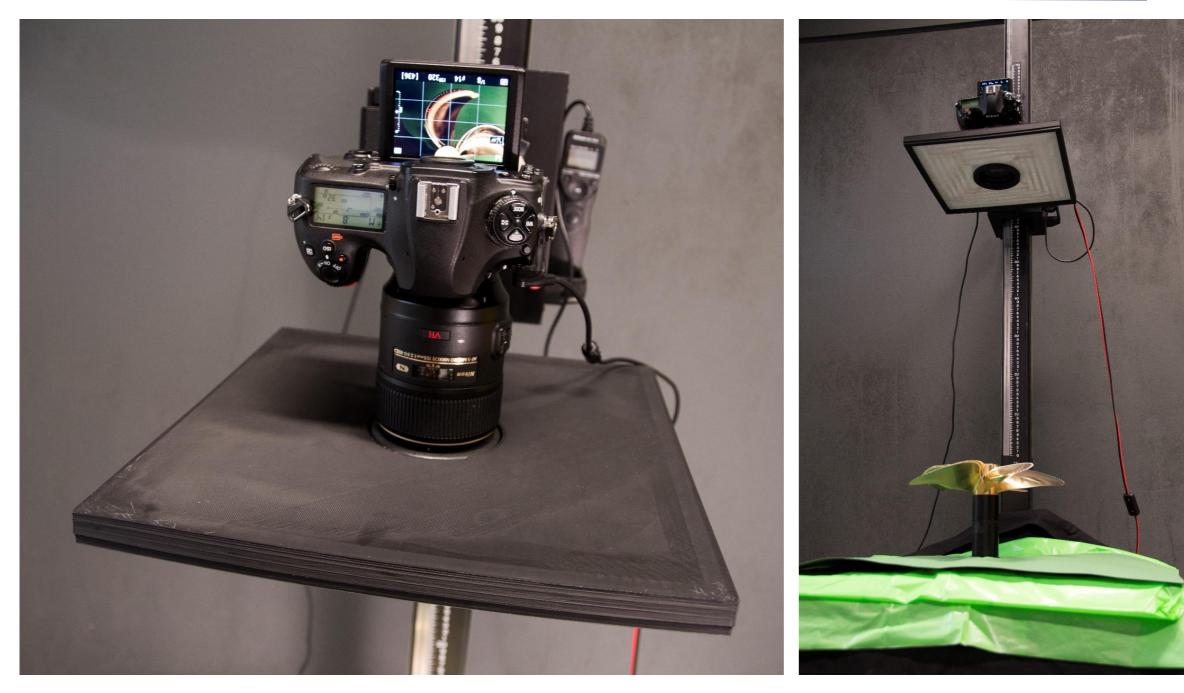
# **Step 4: Checking Propeller Force Convergence**



Measuring Time t [s]

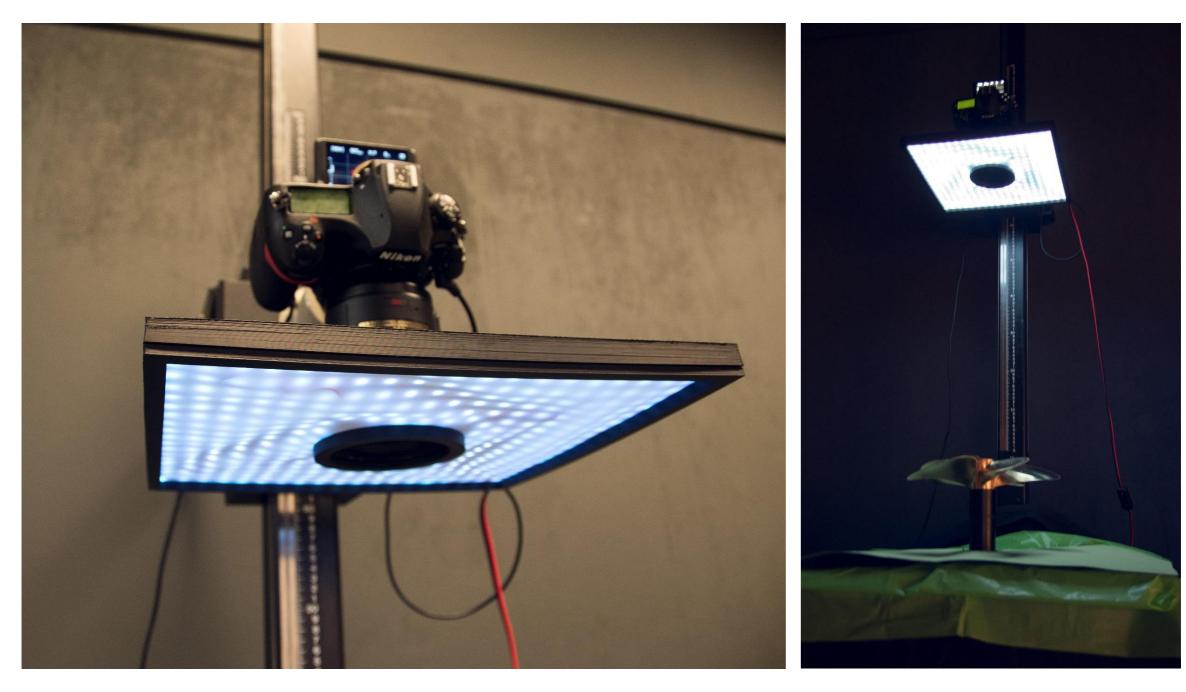
#### **Step 5: Taking the Picture-Perfect Photo**





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- Type: Forgotten Chroma
- Manufacturer: Unknown Corp.
- Pigment: Lead White



Cavitation inception on ship propeller models, G.Kuiper (1981)



- Type: Artist oil
- Manufacturer: Van Gogh
- Color: Zinc White

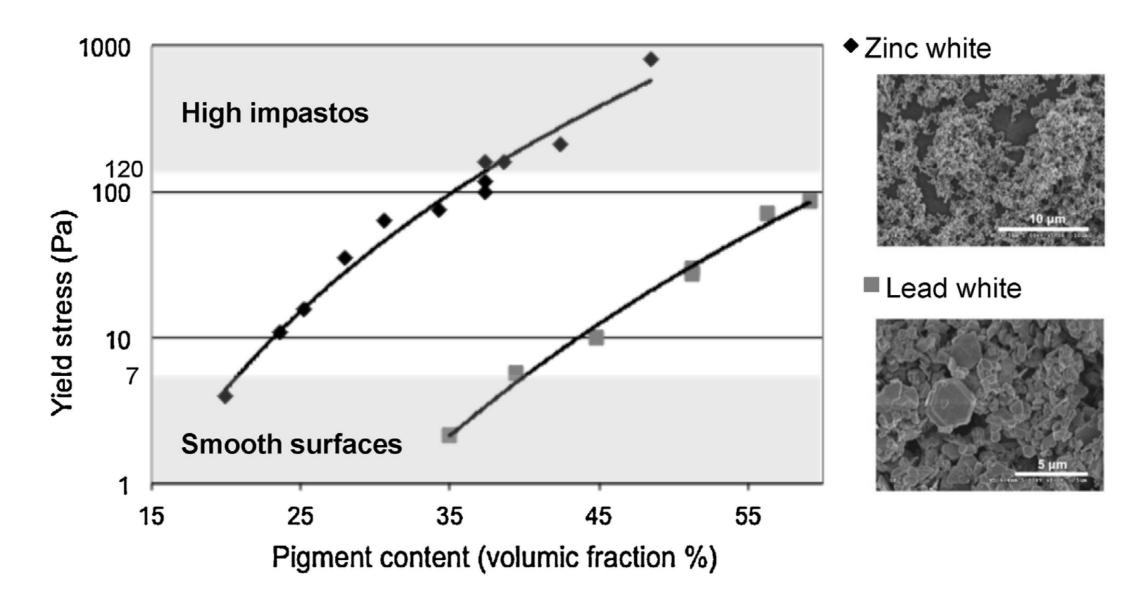




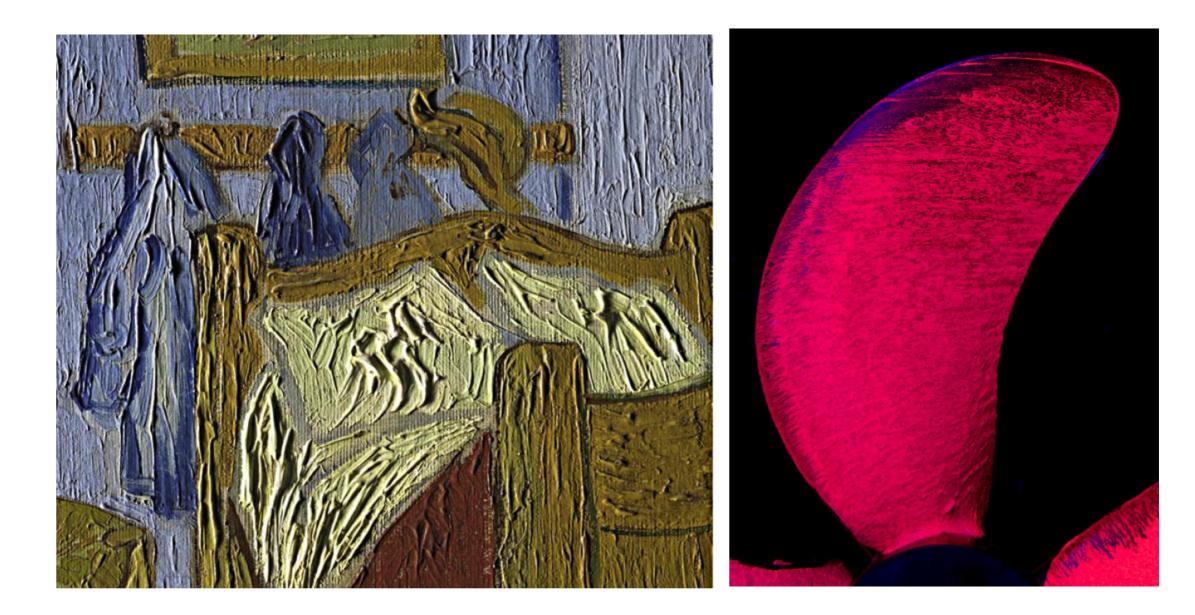
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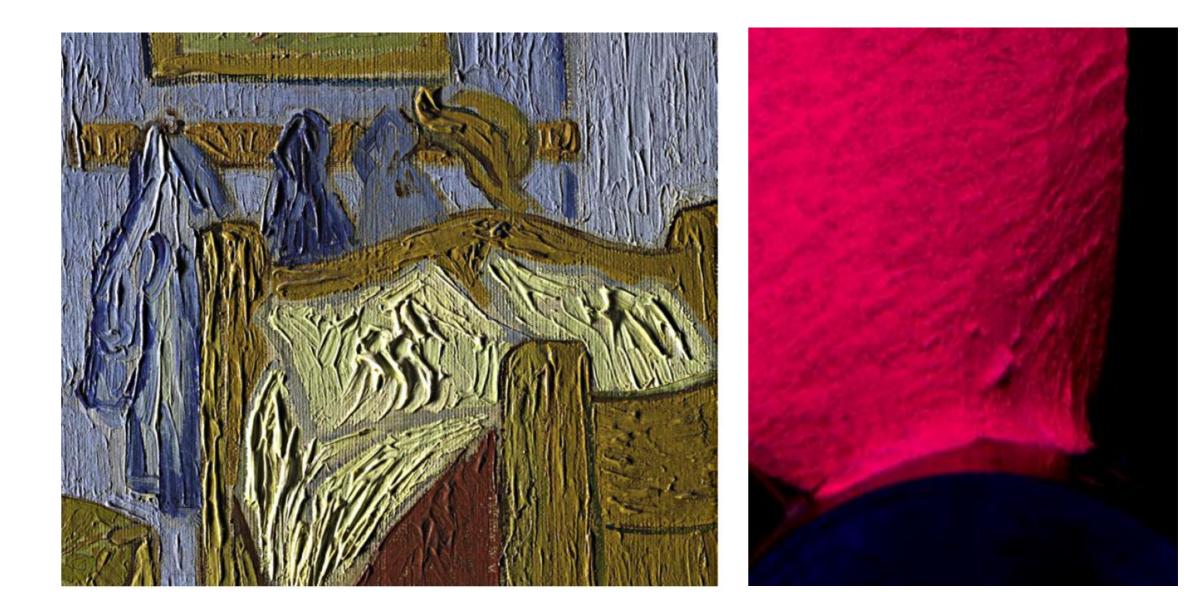
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• Oil mixture: linseed / stand oil

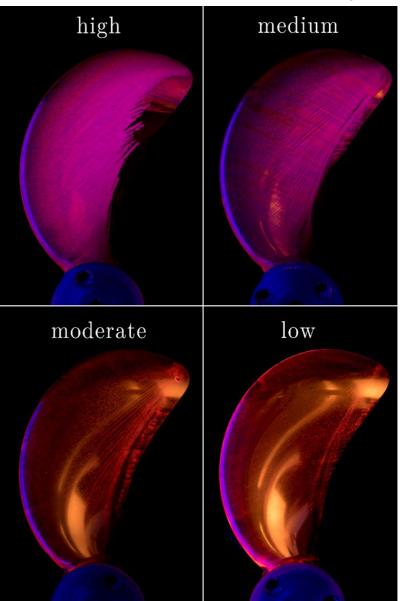
- Volumetric Pigment Content
- Experimental Procedure
  - Total Test Time
  - Acceleration Phase Influence
  - Start-Up Procedure
  - Thrust and Torque Convergence





# Volumetric Paint Content high medium moderatelow

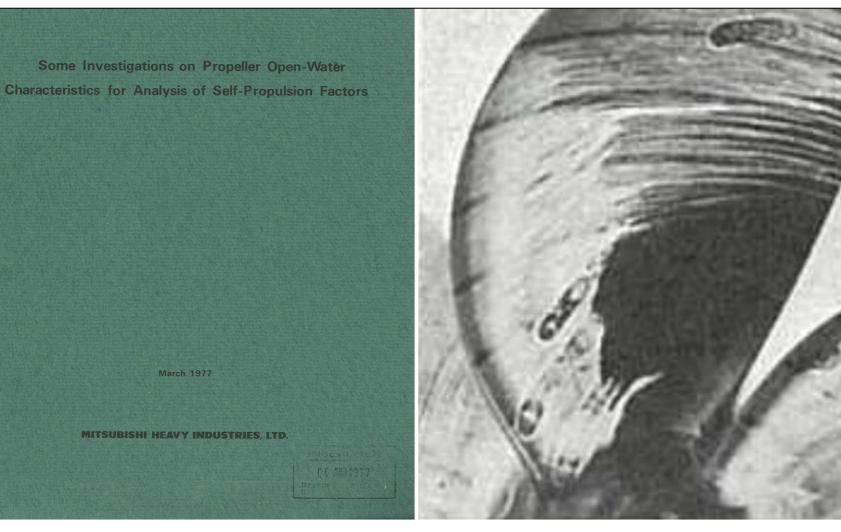
#### **Oil Base Viscosity**



#### **Echoes of the Past**



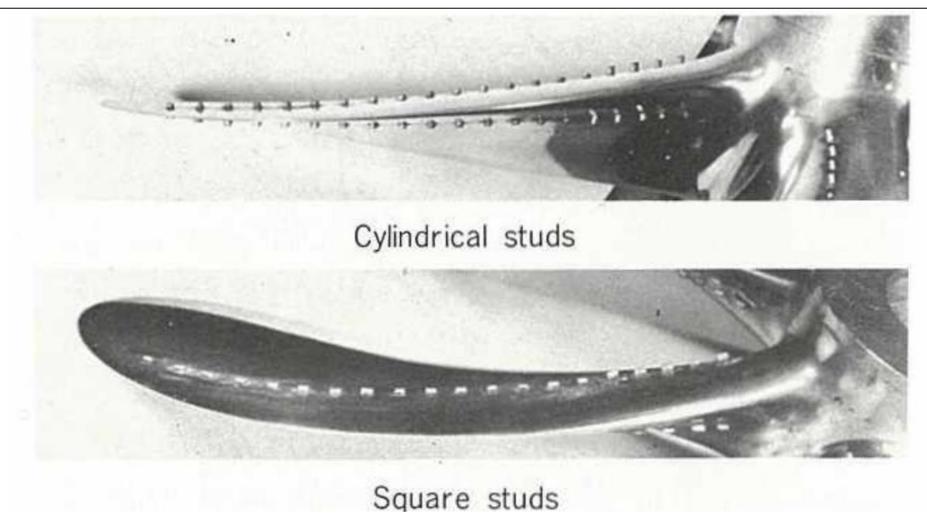
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## **Modern Turbulence Stimulation**



#### **Critical Reynolds Number**

 $\operatorname{Re}_{h} = \frac{u_{h}h}{V}$ 

#### Zigzag strip

 $\text{Re}_{h} \approx 200$  Rooij and Timmer (2003)

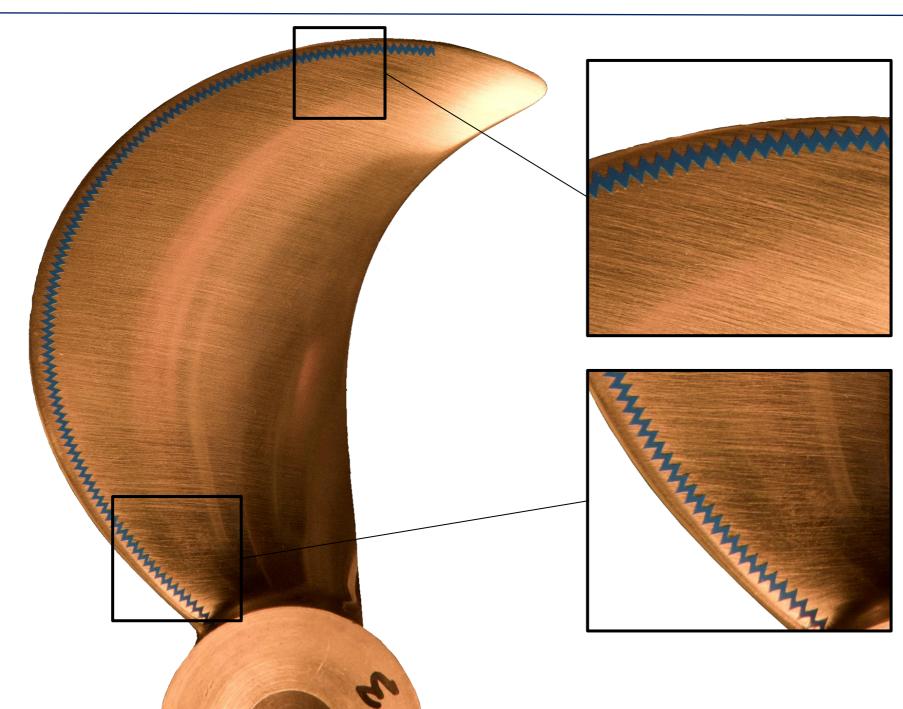
# T = 0.8000 s-0.35 -0.3 -0.25 -0.2 -0.15 -0.1 -0.05 0 0.05 0.1 0.15 0.2 0.25 0.3 0.35 0.4 Kerkvliet (2022)

#### Sand Roughness

 $250 \le \text{Re}_h \le 600$  Braslow and Knox (1958)

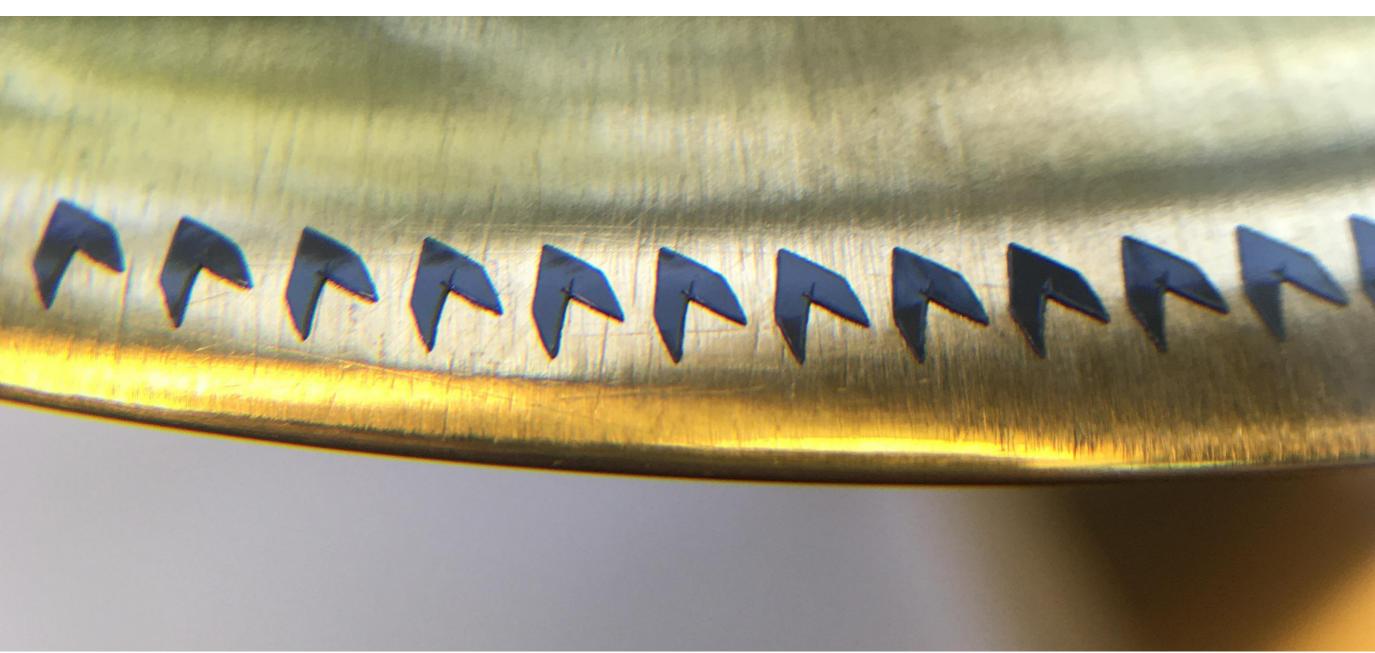
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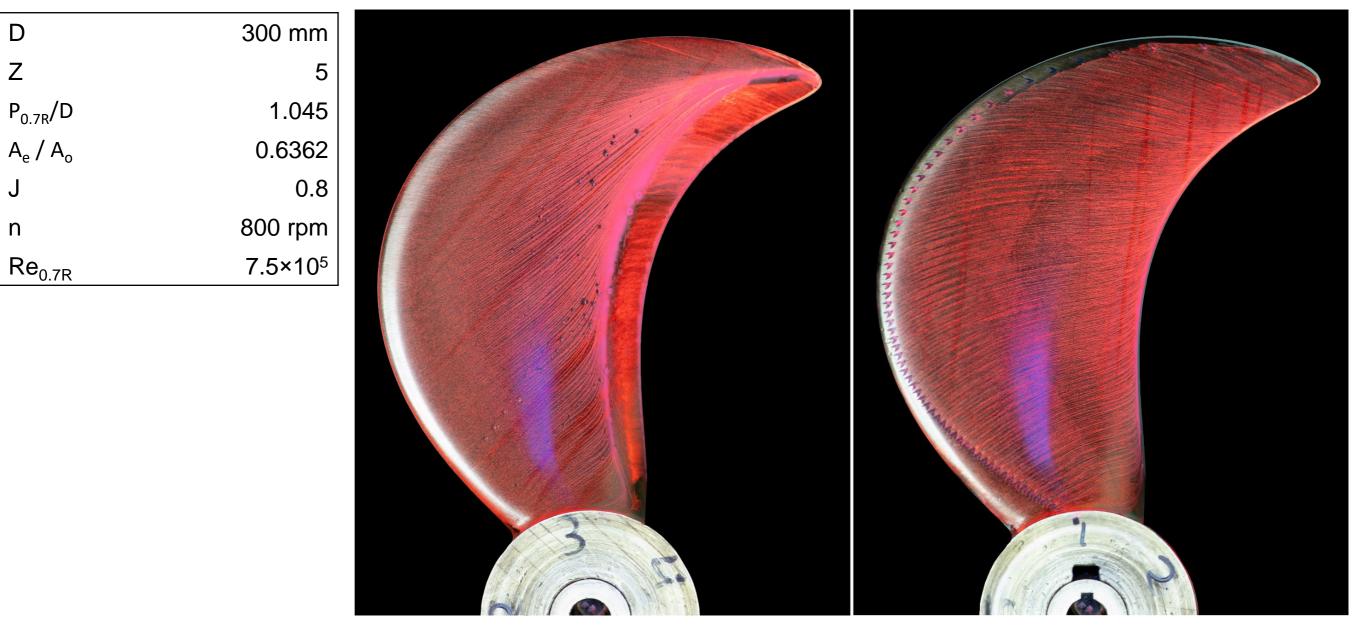


#### **The Turbulators**

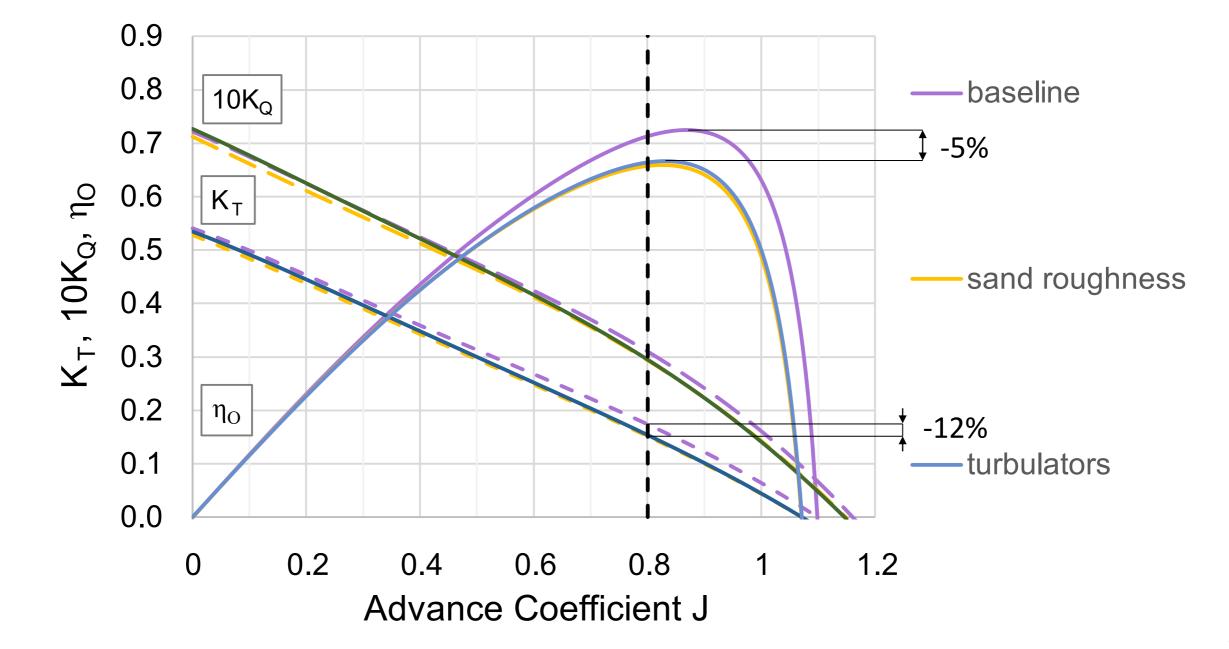




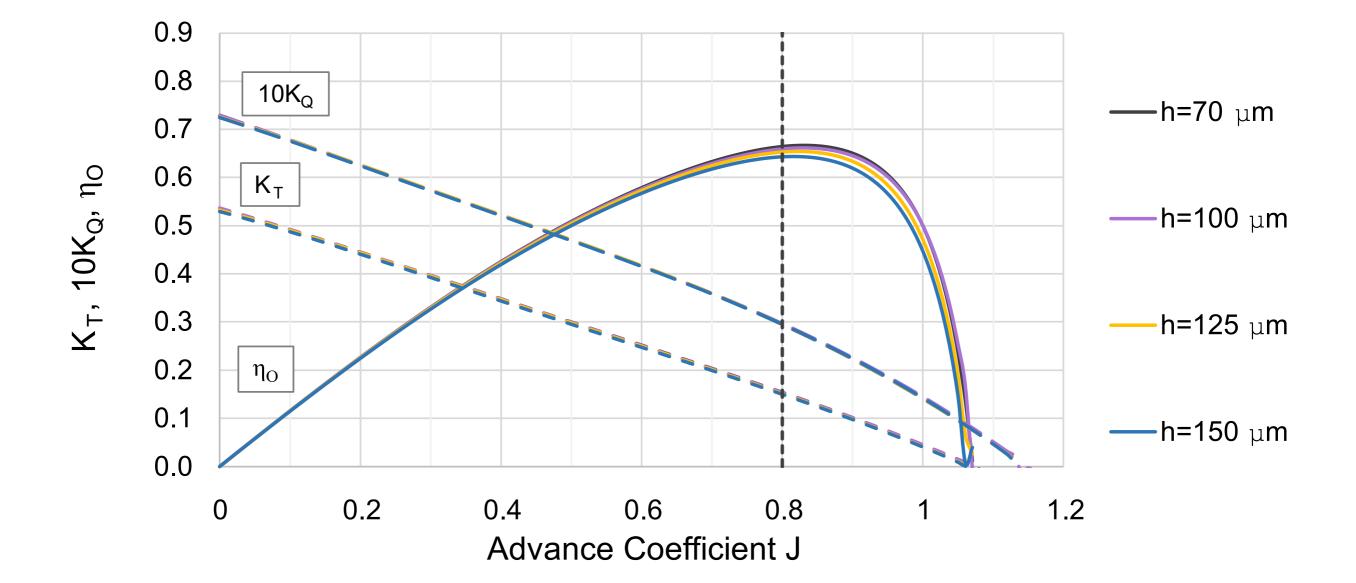
# The Effect of the Turbulators on the Propeller Boundary Layer MARIN



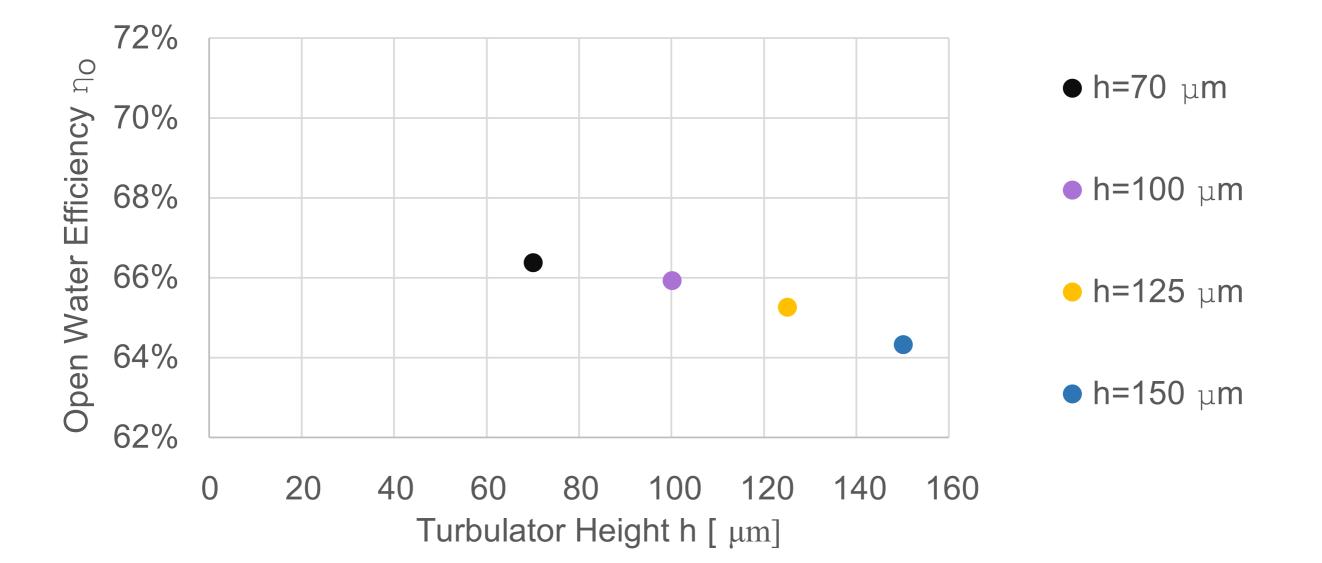




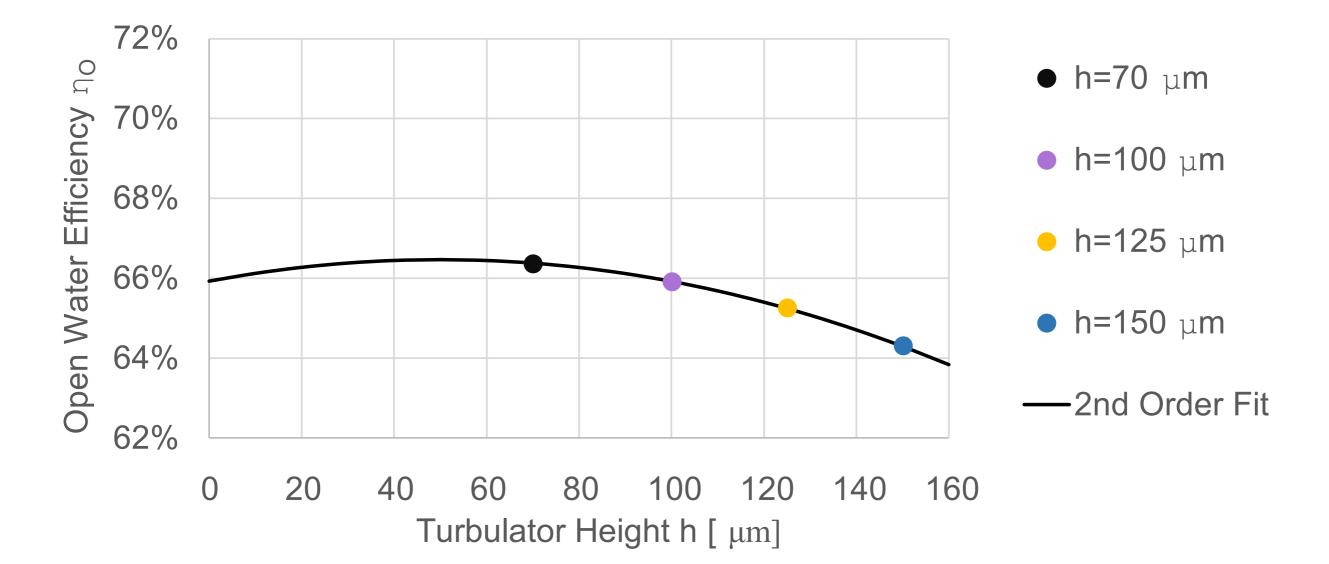




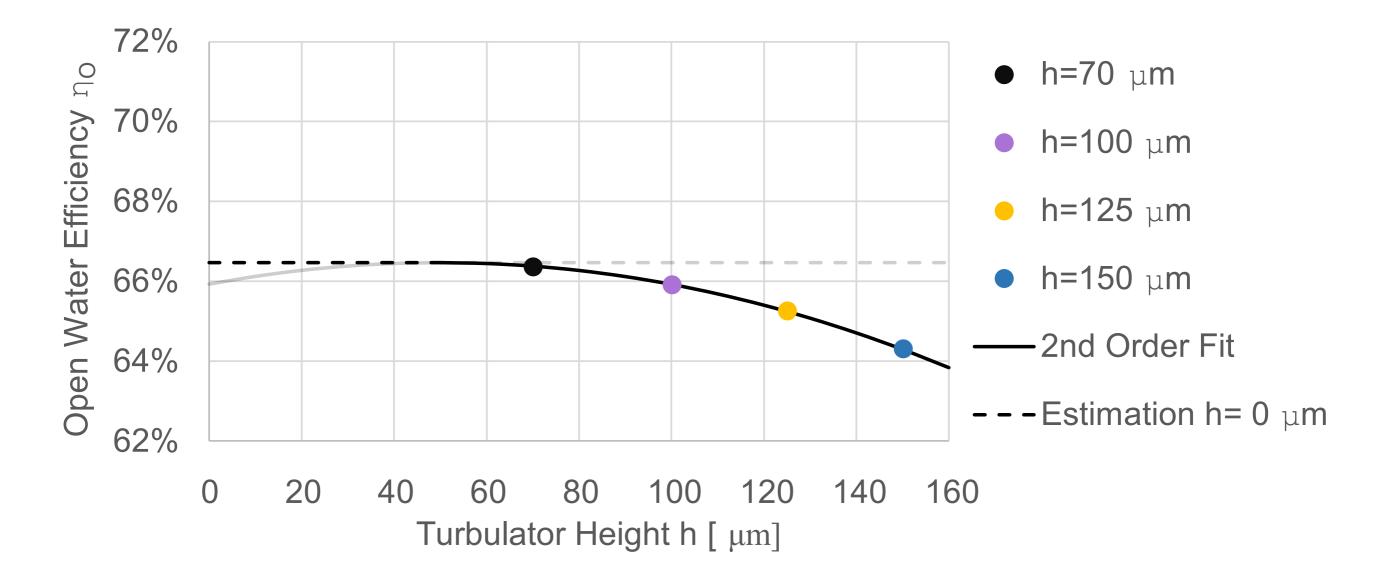




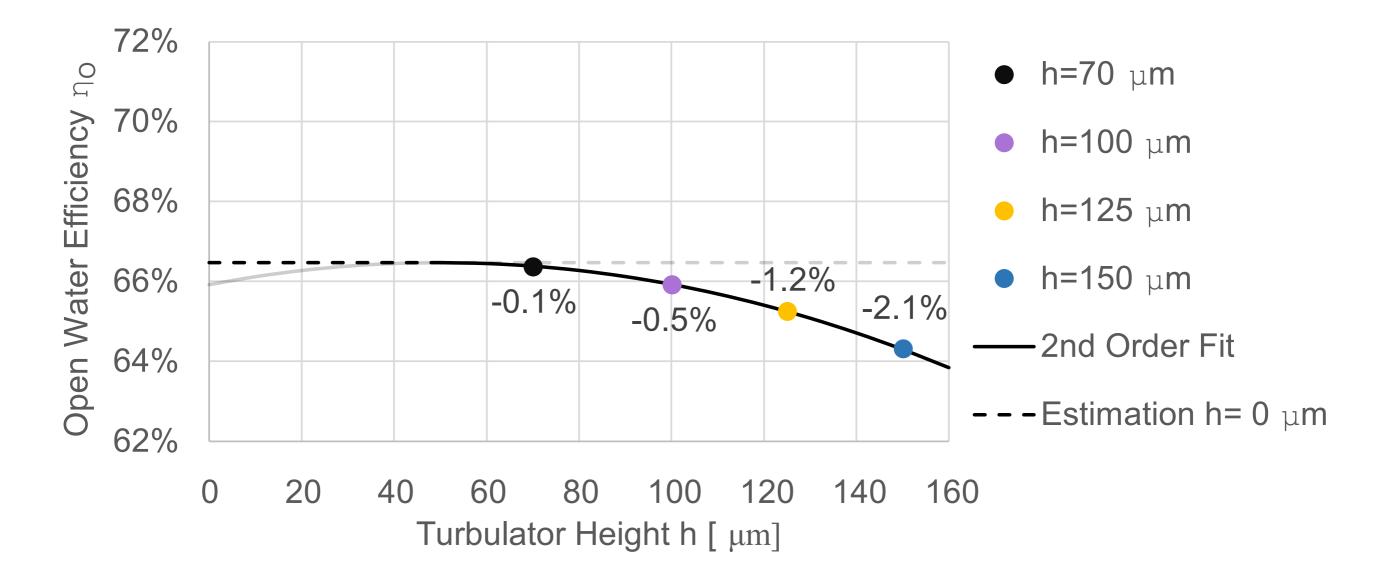




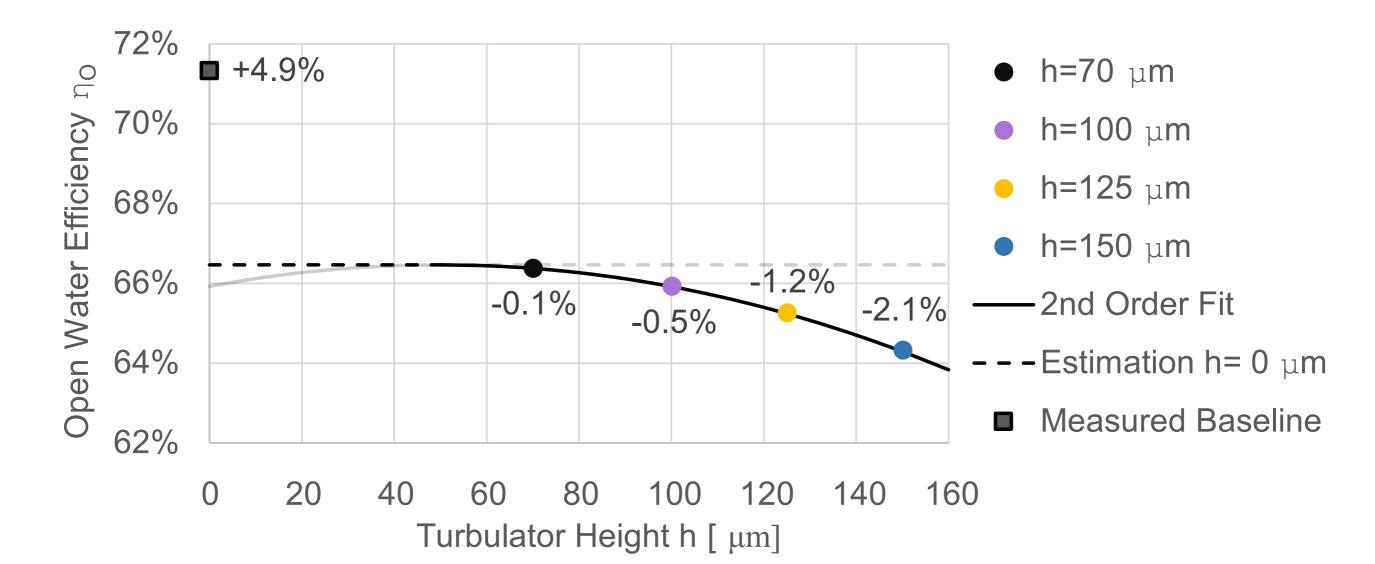




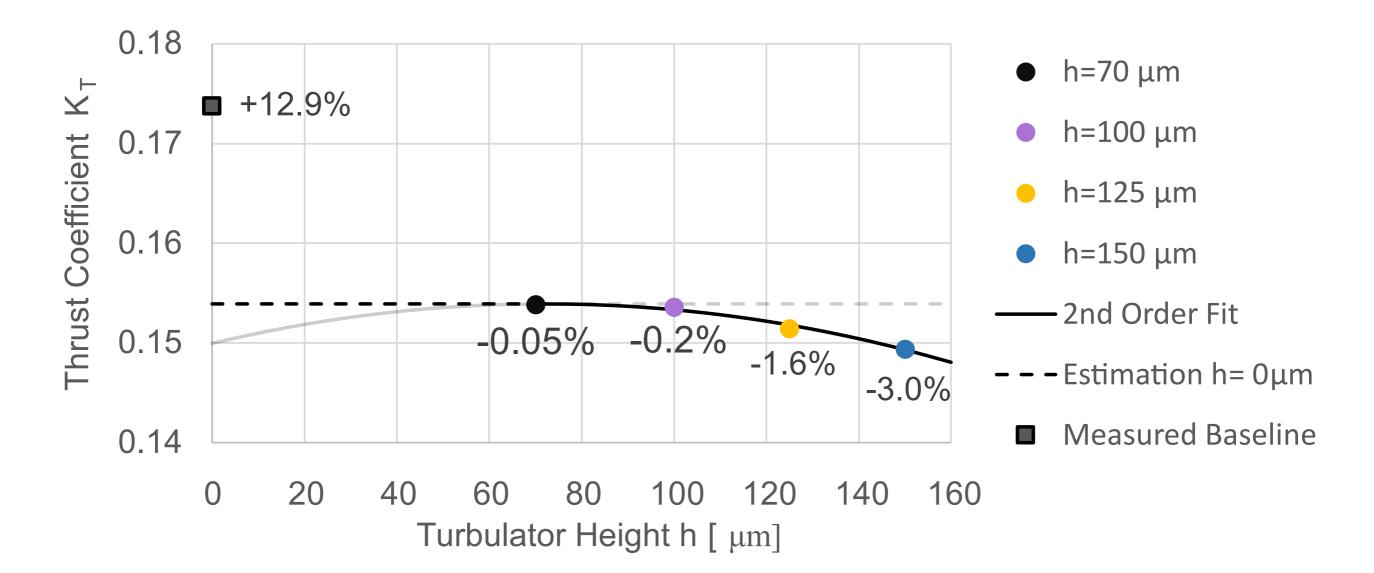






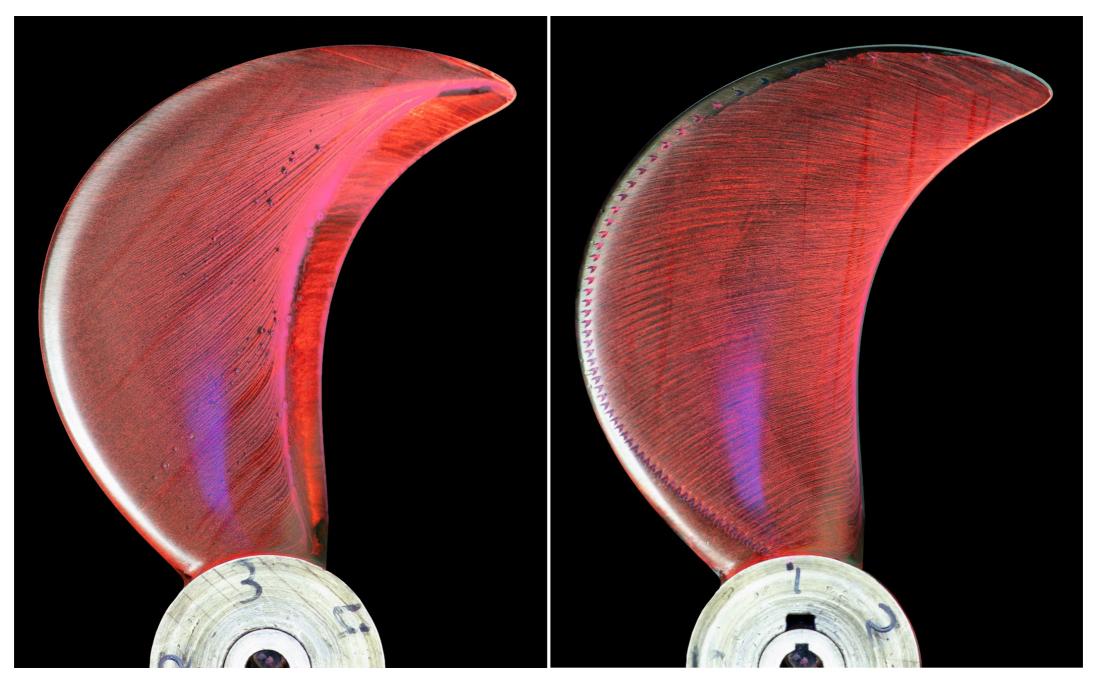






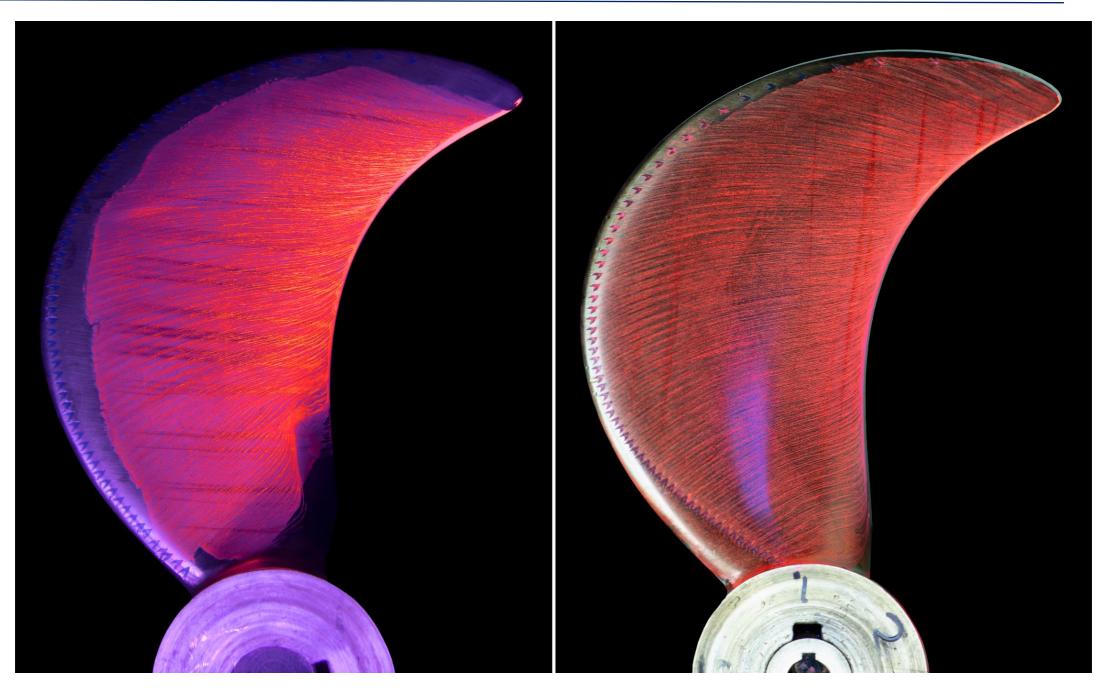
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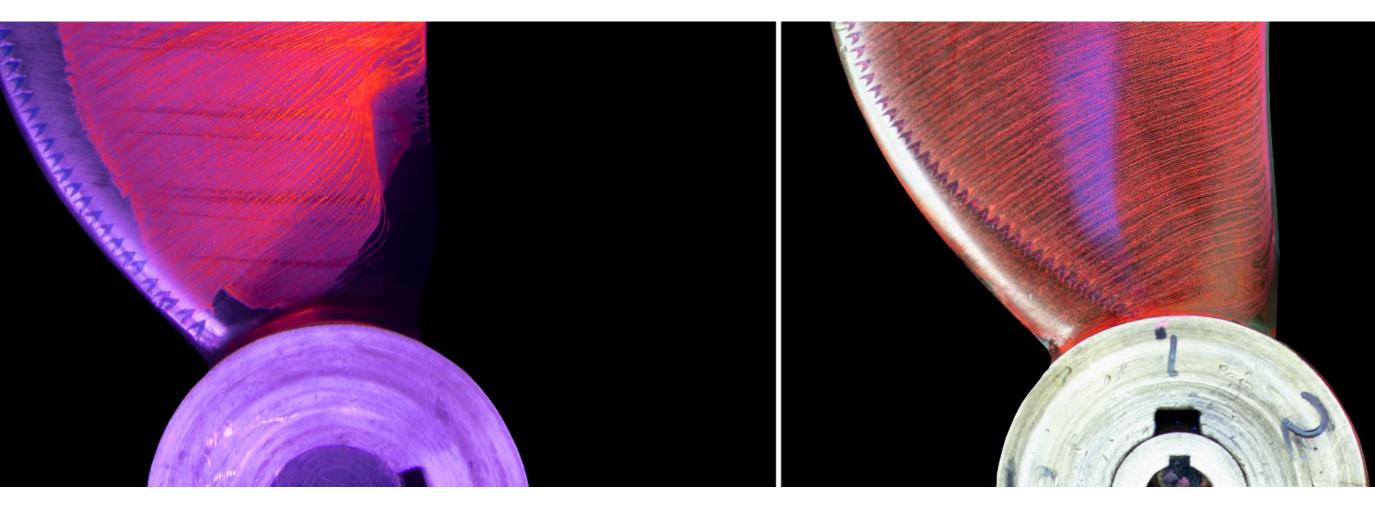


# Positioning of the turbulators near the hub MARIN





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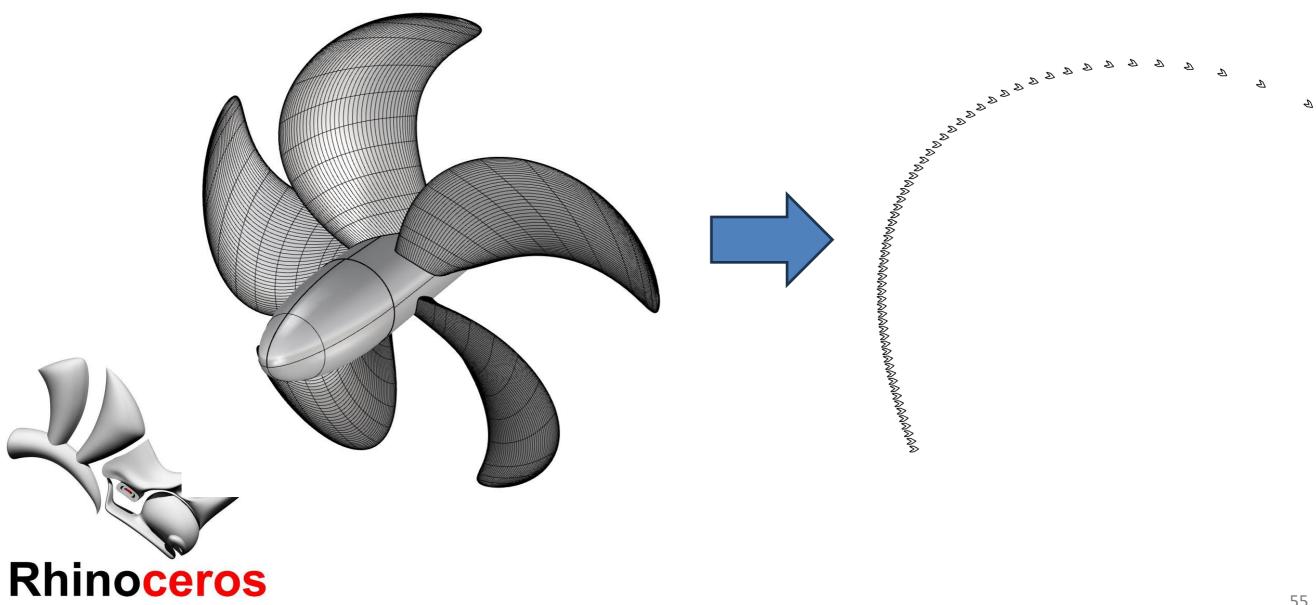






# The Turbulator



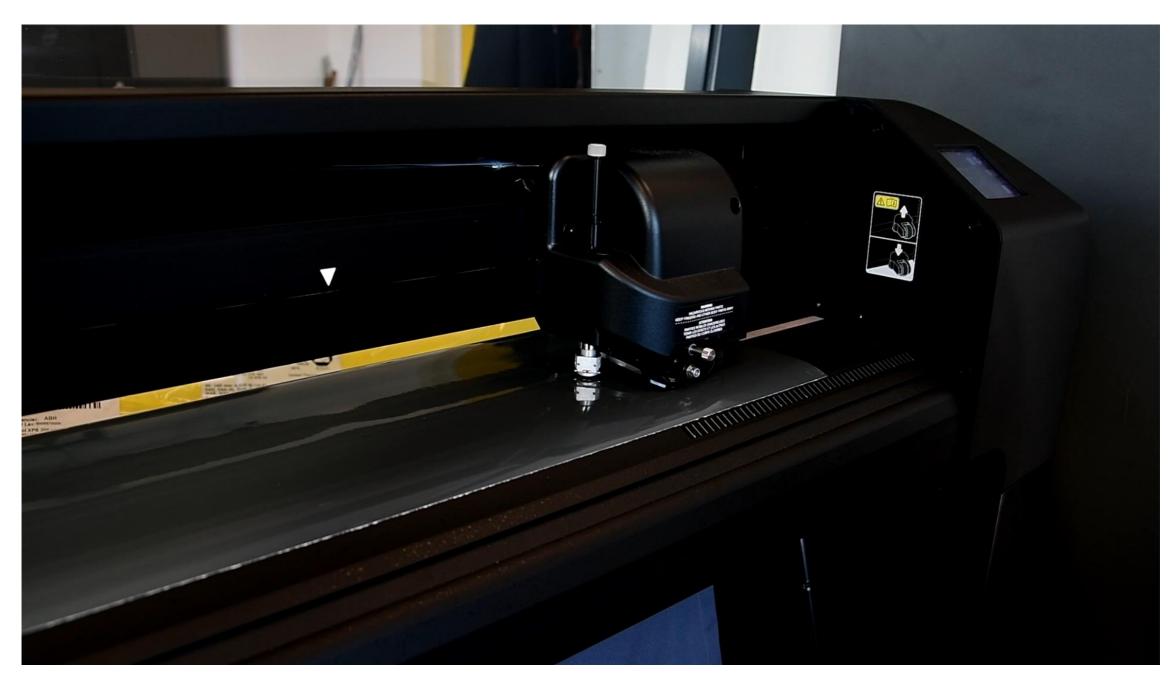






Adhesive Vinyl Foil 70 μm 90 μm 120 μm 150 μm 230 μm

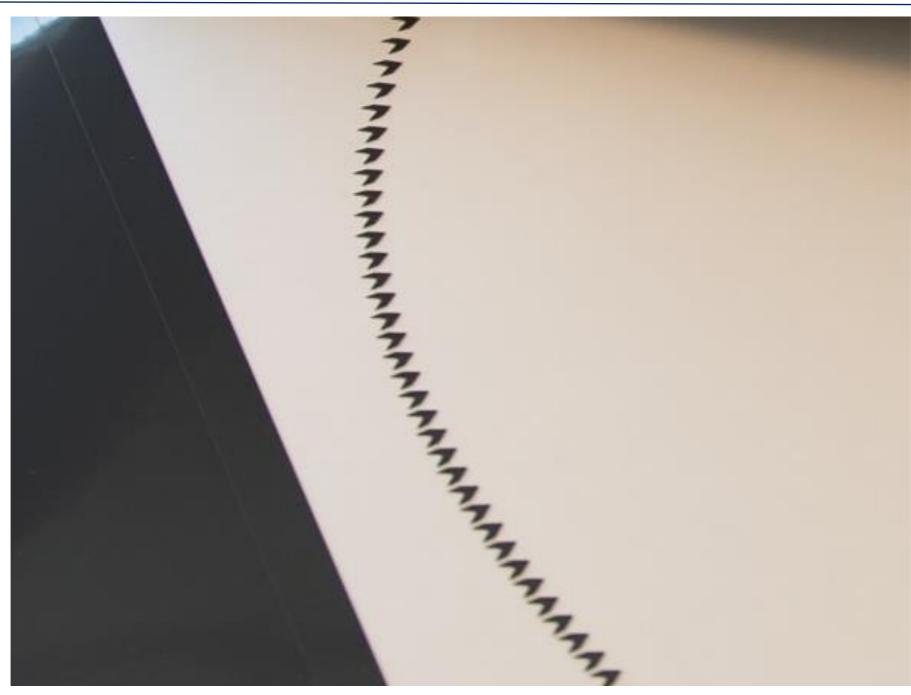




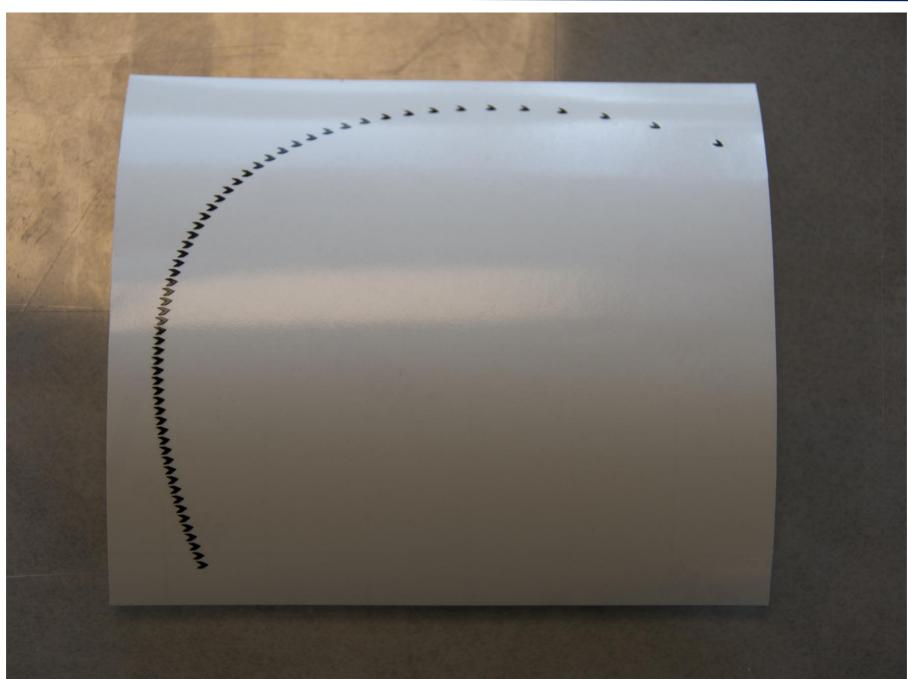




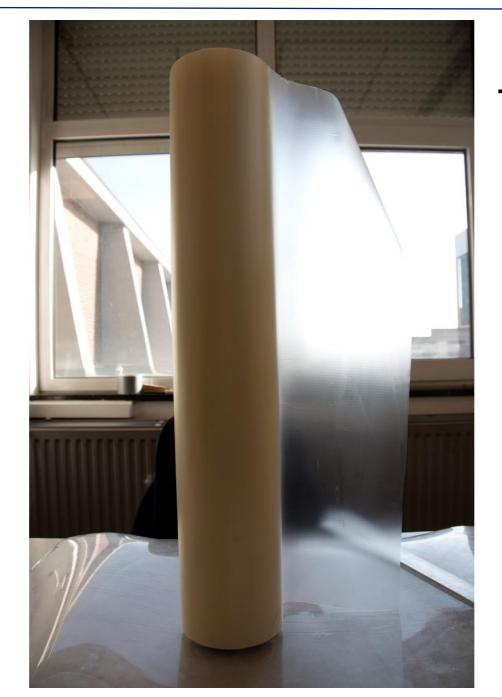






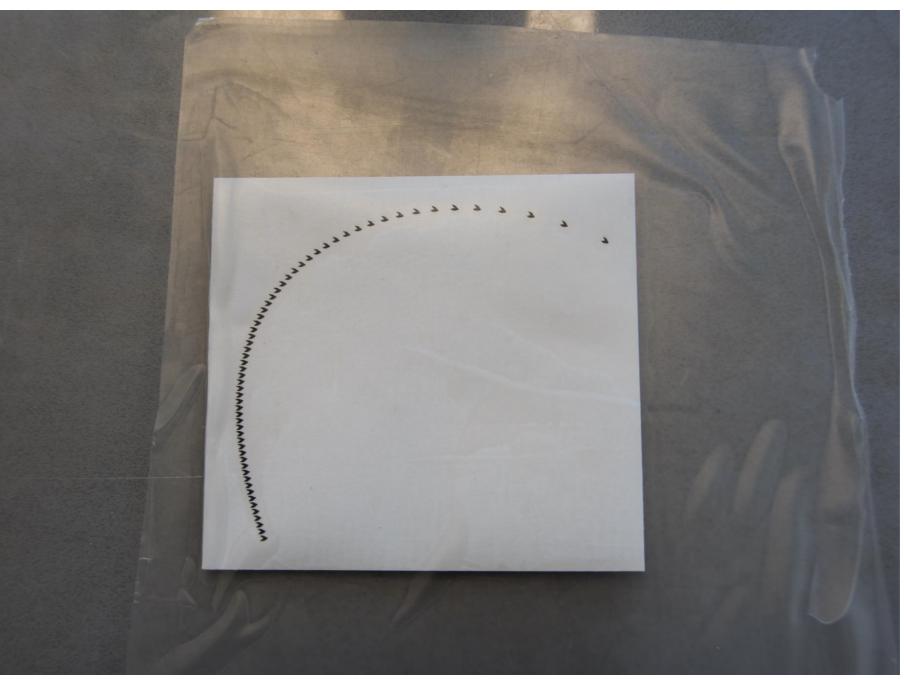






#### **Transfer Foil**

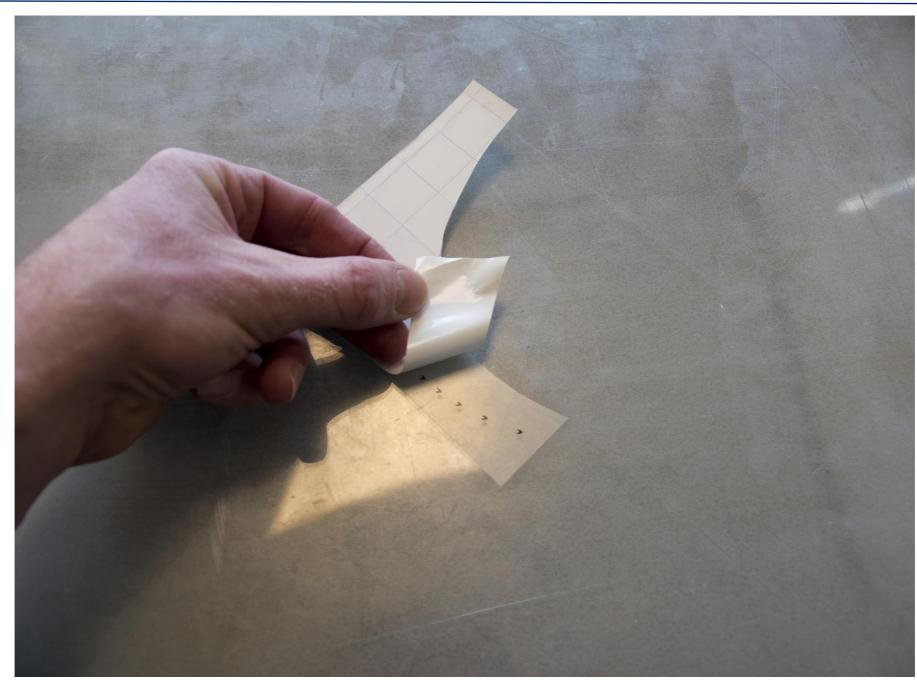




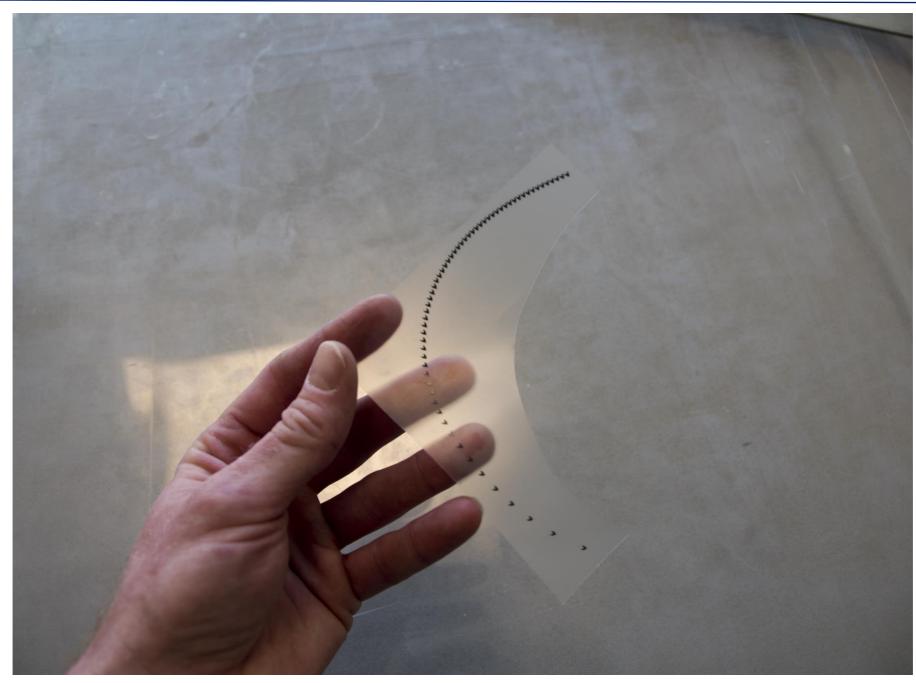








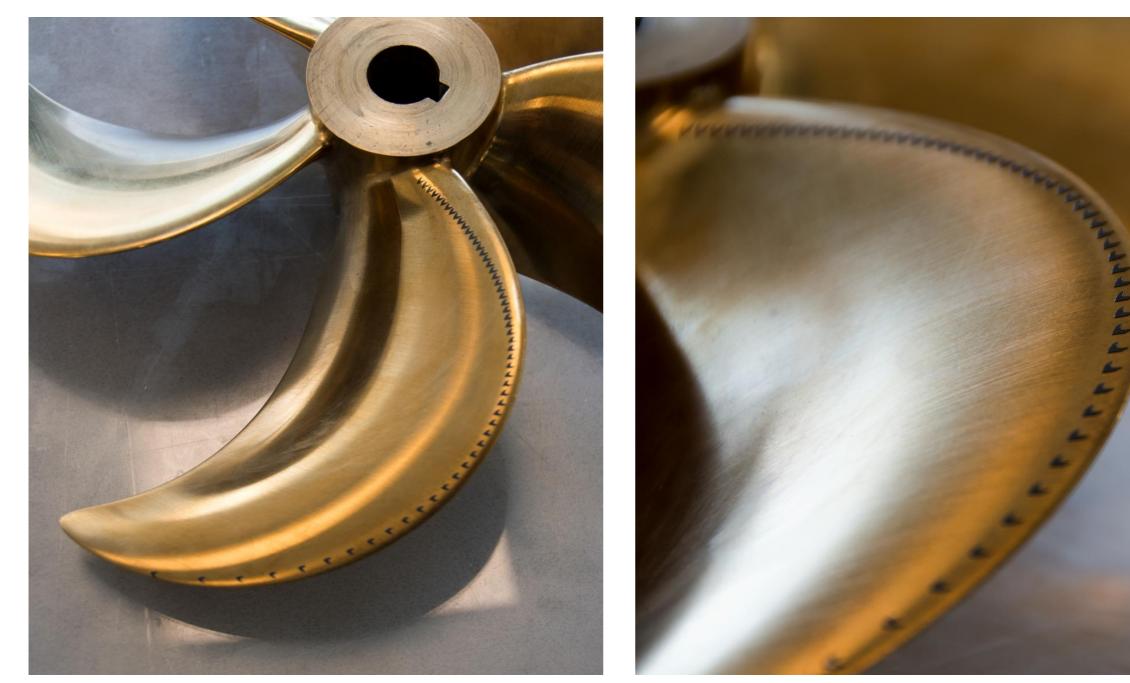












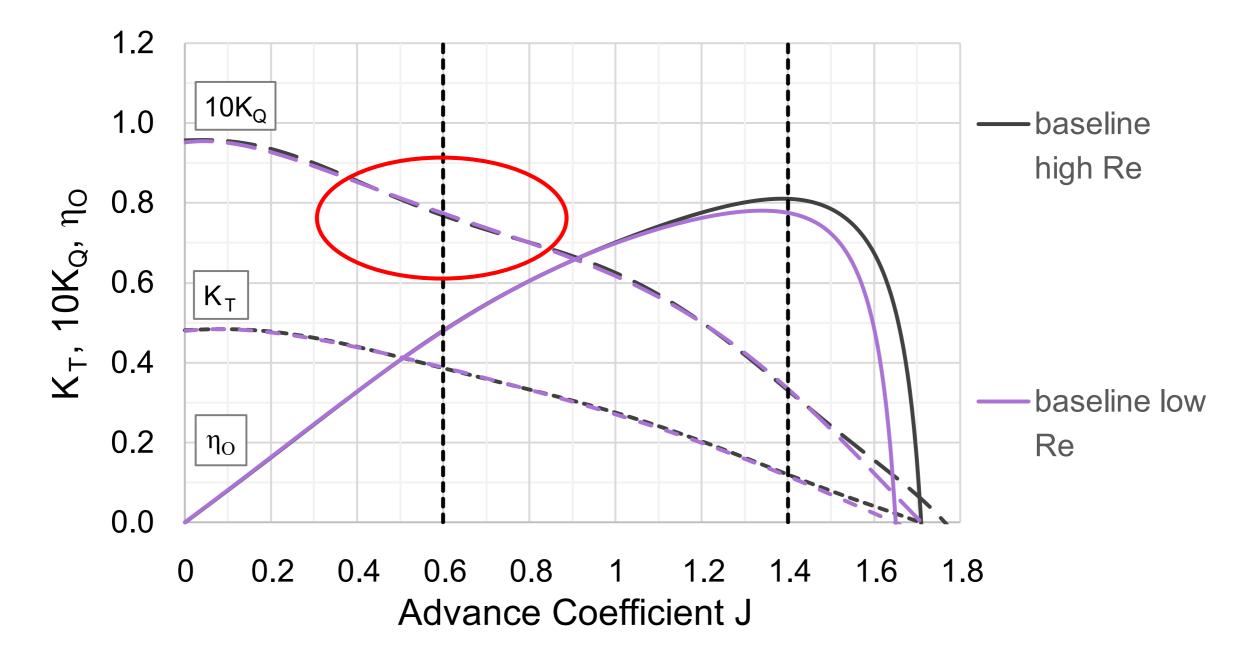


# **Propeller C**

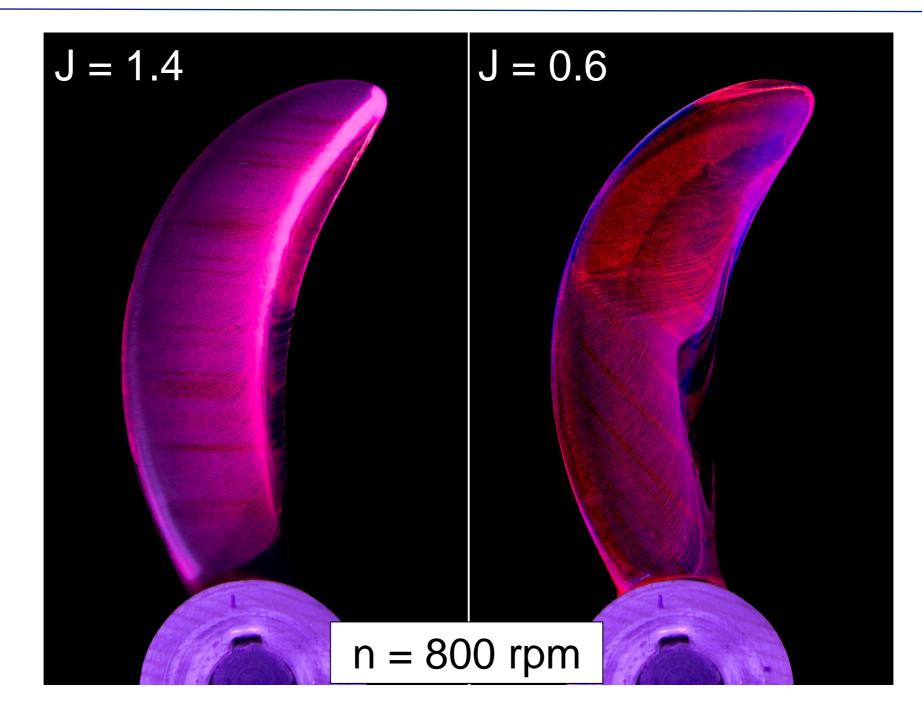
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# Blades	Z	4
Chord	C <sub>0.7R</sub> /D	0.1766
Pitch	P <sub>0.7R</sub> /D	1.6
Expanded Area Ratio	A <sub>e</sub> / A <sub>o</sub>	0.35



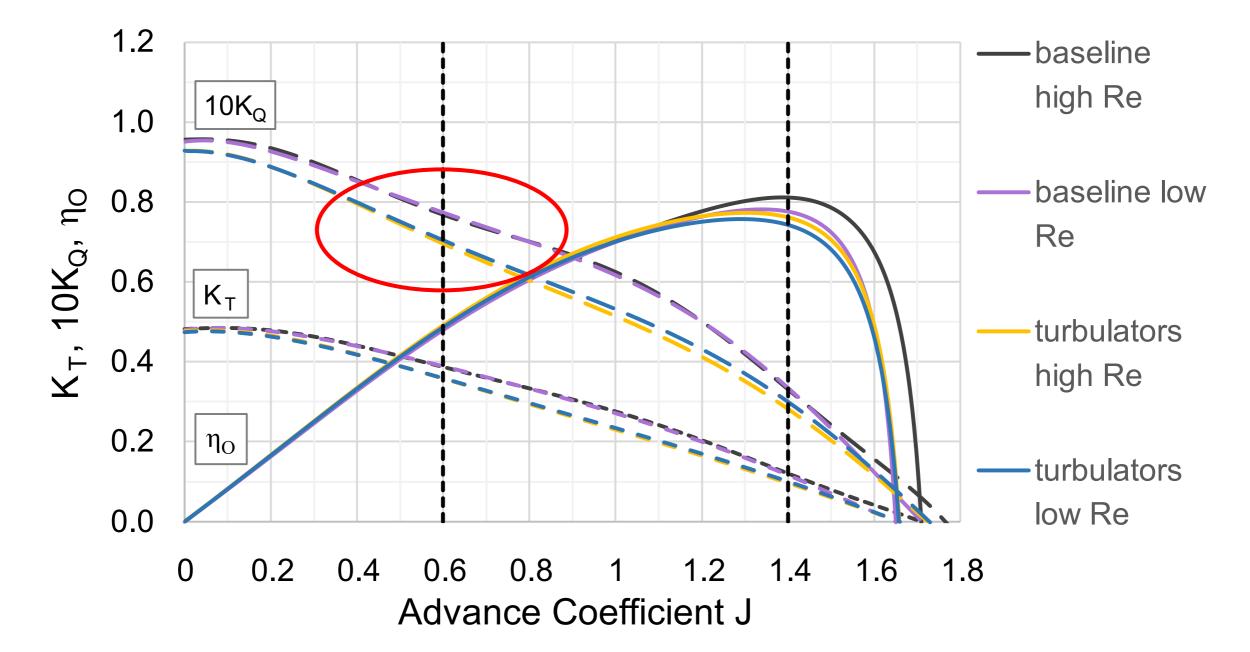












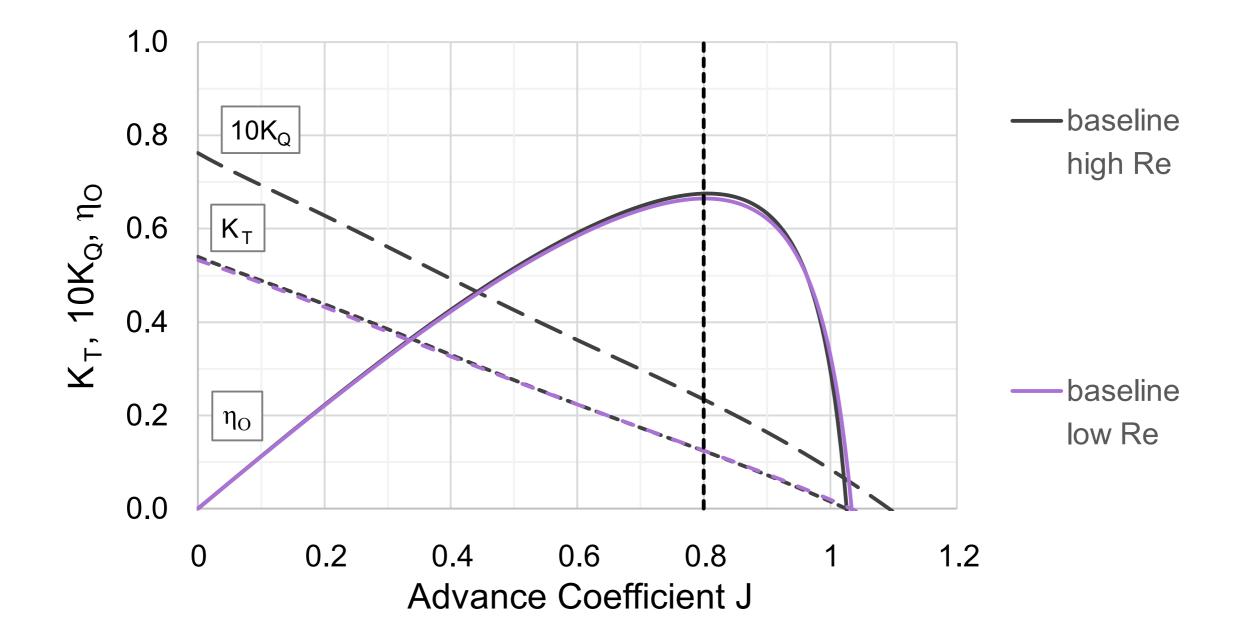


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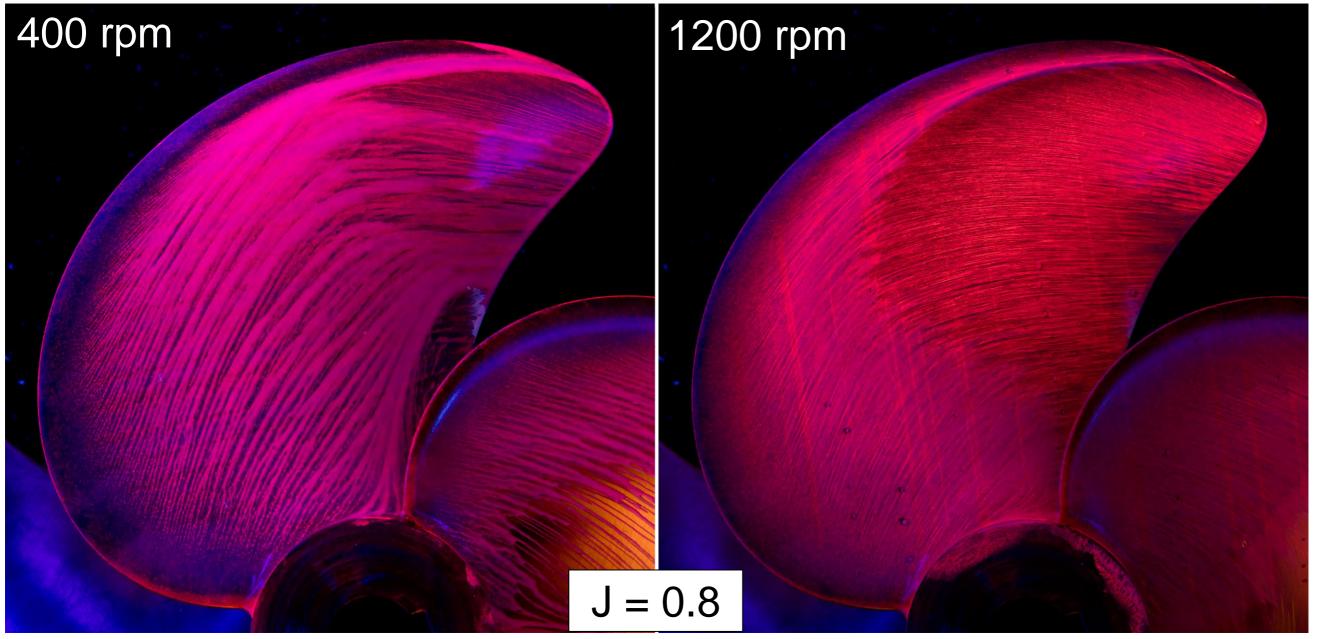
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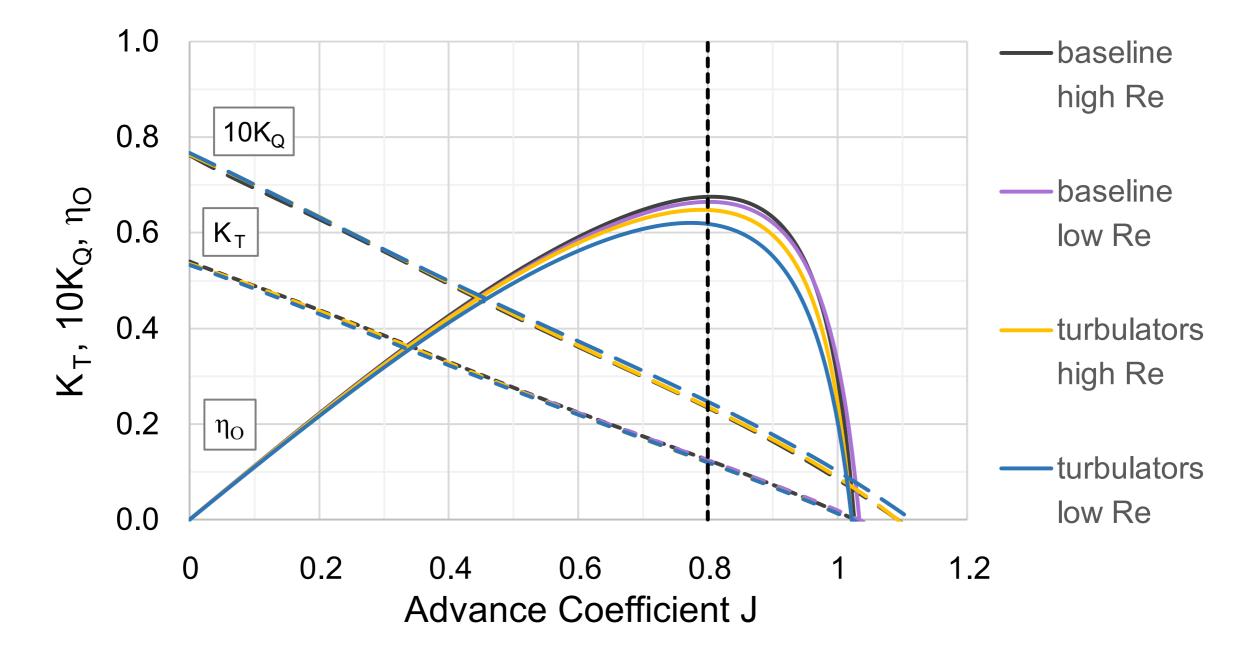






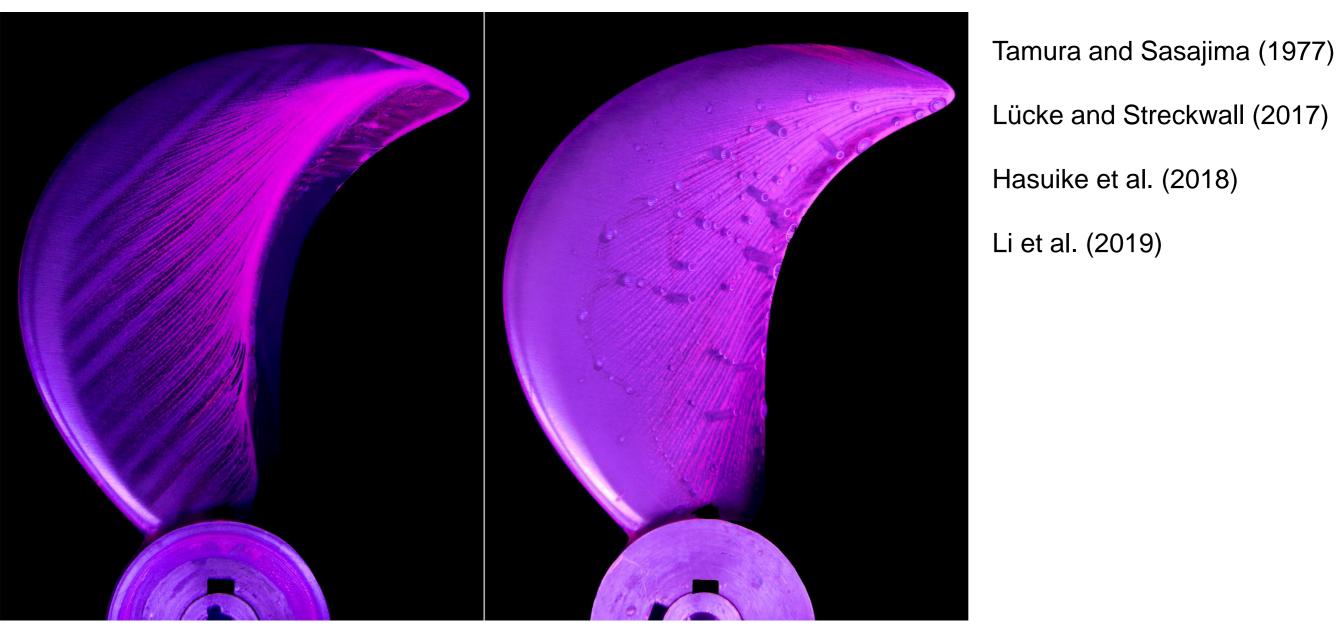






## **Behind Ship Model Tests**

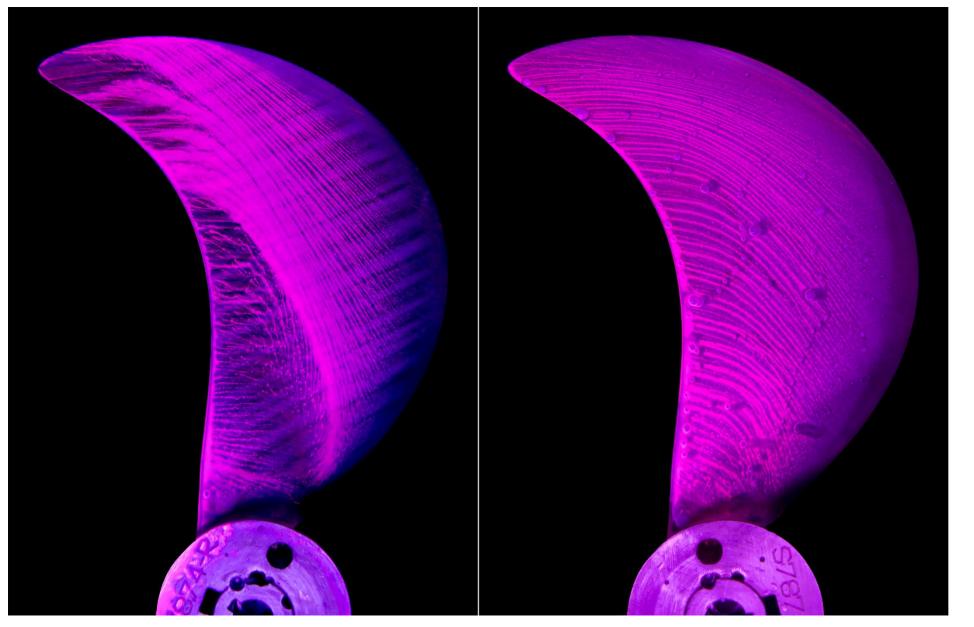




#### Open water

#### In behind ship model





Tamura and Sasajima (1977) Lücke and Streckwall (2017) Hasuike et al. (2018) Li et al. (2019)

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## **A Golden Opportunity**





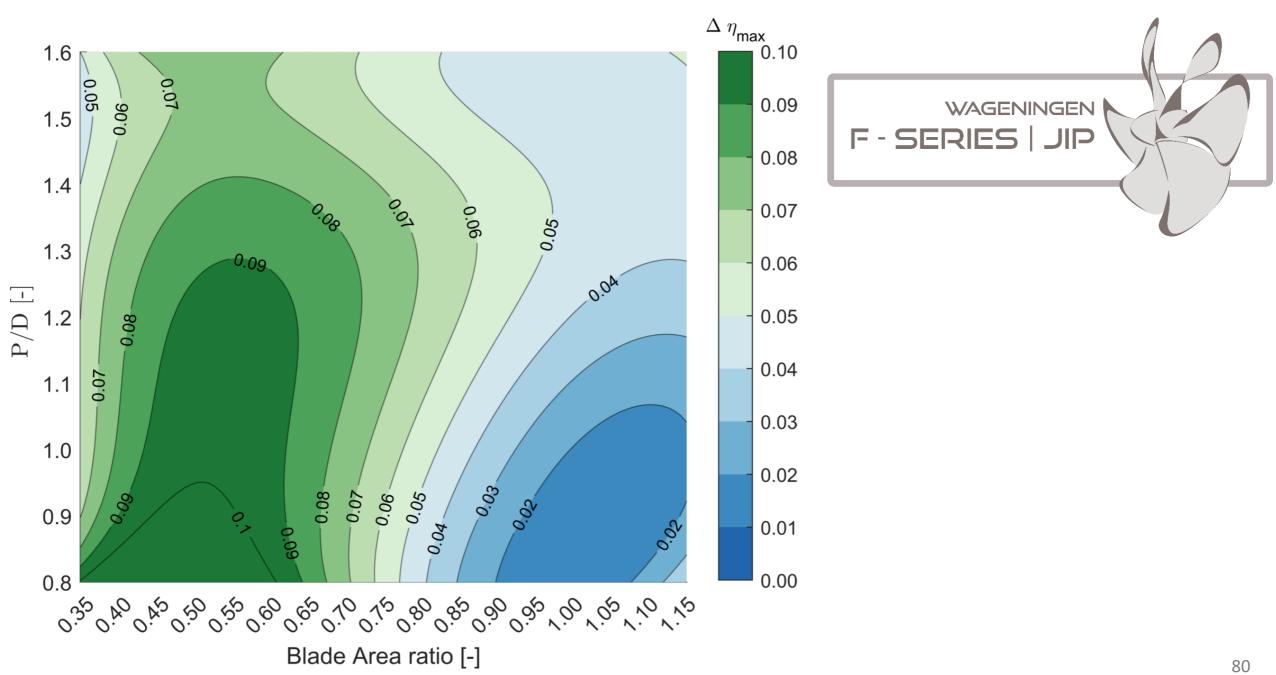
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## Conclusions



- Reinvented the propeller paint testing method and made it available to the maritime industry.
- Modern propeller designs tend to have (partially) laminar boundary layers and flow separation for the typical range of model test Reynolds numbers.
- The presence of low-Reynolds effects poses considerable challenges for the accuracy, interpretability and reliability of model tests and the extrapolation towards full-scale Reynolds numbers.
- An explorative study using the F-Series showed a large dependency on the propeller design.
- Our solution is the application of turbulators.
  - The isolated impact (parasitic drag) is small
  - They are easy to manufacture and apply
  - Low-Reynolds scale effects are no longer an issue



