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## The Effect of Rotor Radius Ratio on The Performance of Hybrid Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809

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### Abstract

This research aims to know the effect of the Rotor Radius Ratio on the performance of the hybrid Vertical Axis Wind Turbine Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809 model using the Computational Fluid Dynamics method. Two-bladed Savonius is used as an internal rotor, and three-bladed Darrieus NREL S809 as an external rotor. Turbine model performance is analyzed through the value of the Moment Coefficient and Power Coefficient. The result shows that the increase in the Rotor Radius Ratio value causes an increase in the initial Moment Coefficient but a decrease in the maximum Power Coefficient value. At the initial TSR, the Rotor Radius Ratio 0.5 model has the best Moment Coefficient value among all variations but has the lowest maximum Power Coefficient value.



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**Keywords**

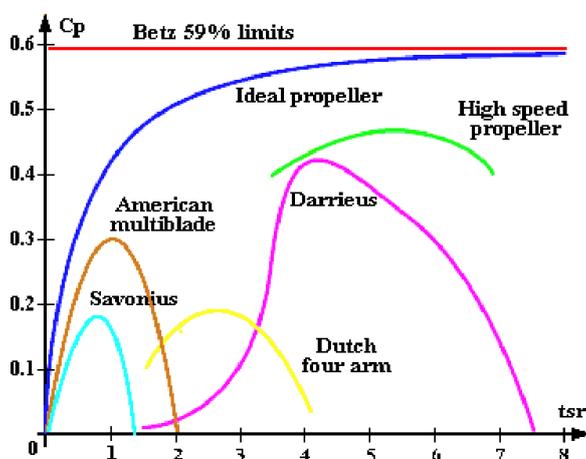
Computational fluid dynamics; hybrid vertical axis wind turbine; NREL S809; moment coefficient; power coefficient; rotor radius ratio; tip speed ratio

**1. Introduction**

During the Covid-19 era, global energy consumption has decreased [1]. However, in 2021, energy consumption increased again by 4% from the previous year [2]. So far, the most widely used energy source globally is fossil energy [3]. Even in 2007, 80% of the total energy demand in the world was still dominated by fossil energy [4]. Because the use of fossil energy can cause CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that lead to global warming [5], starting in 2010 until now, the use of fossil energy continues to be reduced and replaced by renewable energy [6]. The development of renewable energy from 2001 to 2020 continues to increase; even in 2020, there was an increase of 29% from 2019 [6]. Efforts to increase renewable energy will continue to be intensified using implementation in various fields, such as industry [7], transportation [8], and so on.

Renewable energy sources can be obtained from the natural surroundings, like hydrothermal, geothermal, solar, wind, marine, and biogenic energies [9]. Among all these renewable energy sources, one of the renewable energies that have the potential to be developed is wind energy. According to [10], more than 50% of renewable energy in the world is dominated by wind energy. Especially in ASEAN, many regions have considerable wind energy potential [10].

Wind energy can be converted into electrical energy using a wind turbine [11]. There are two types of wind turbines, namely Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines (HAWT) and Vertical Axis Wind turbines (VAWT) [11]. According to [12], VAWT has more advantages than HAWT. VAWT consists of several types with their respective performances based on Power Coefficient ( $C_p$ ) graph, as shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1** Graph of Power Coefficient ( $C_p$ ) of several types of VAWT [13].

The graph in Figure 1 is important for understanding the basic performance of wind turbines. The blue line shows the ideal efficiency of the HAWT, while the others are various types of VAWT. Among all the VAWT types, the most popular types are Savonius and Darrieus. Savonius works using the

drag force principle, while Darrieus uses the lift force principle [14]. Darrieus has a higher  $C_p$  than Savonius but requires a higher wind speed to start the rotation than Savonius [15]. Therefore, many researchers combine Savonius and Darrieus (hybrid Savonius-Darrieus) to take advantage of Savonius and Darrieus.

Using the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus cannot increase the initial torque and the Savonius and cannot produce the  $C_p$  as well as Darrieus [16]. The performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus is the interference of the two properties of the turbine. To improve the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus, the researchers studied several influential aspects such as the position of the turbine arrangement, the barrier walls provided on the side of the returning blade, the overlap ratio, the type of airfoil, the rotor radius ratio, and so on.

[17] conducted experimental research and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to determine the effect of turbine arrangement position on the performance of hybrid Savonius-Darrieus. As a result, the Darrieus turbine mounted on the Savonius with a phase angle of  $0^\circ$  has the best performance among others. At a wind speed of 3 m/s, the turbine model has a Moment Coefficient ( $C_M$ ) of 0.303 and a  $C_p$  of 0.3195. [18] conducted a CFD study to improve the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus by placing a barrier wall on the side of the Savonius returning blades to reduce the negative torque generated by Savonius. However, this method is not optimal because it is only effective for one direction of fluid flow. [19] conducted a CFD study on the effect of the overlap ratio of Savonius on the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus. As a result, increasing the overlap ratio can increase turbine self-starting, and an overlap ratio of 2.5 can increase  $C_p$  by 18% from the basic hybrid Savonius-Darrieus model. [20] conducted a study to determine the effect of the type of airfoil on the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus. Based on the results of his research, the asymmetrical airfoil gives a better  $C_p$  than the symmetrical airfoil. However, changing the airfoil does not significantly impact the initial torque value of the hybrid turbine. Another way that can be done to improve VAWT performance is augmentation techniques, as described in the article [21]. That article also explains that airfoil modification can save costs, but the other benefits will be very small.

[22] conducted a study on the effect of the Savonius-Darrieus height ratio on the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus. As a result, the increase in the Savonius-Darrieus height ratio gives a fairly linear result to the increase in turbine torque. The turbine model with a ratio of 1.4 is the best and can increase the initial torque of the turbine by 48% compared to a single Darrieus. Based on this research, it is possible to increase the initial torque of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus by adjusting the rotor radius ratio. The rotor radius ratio ( $R_S/R_D$ ) is the ratio of the Savonius and Darrieus radii in the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus. Experimental research on the effect of the  $R_S/R_D$  has been carried out by [23] using a symmetrical NACA 0020 airfoil. However, CFD research on the effect of the  $R_S/R_D$  on the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus has never been done. So, on this occasion, a CFD analysis was carried out to find out the effect of  $R_S/R_D$  on the performance of the hybrid Savonius-Darrieus using the NREL S809 asymmetrical airfoil because, based on research [24], NREL S809 has a better maximum Power Coefficient ( $C_{Pmax}$ ) value compared to symmetrical airfoils and some asymmetrical airfoils.

## 2. Materials and Methods

### 2.1 Preprocessing

This research was conducted using the CFD method. This CFD uses Reynolds-Averaged Navier Stokes (RANS) equations as follows.

*Continuity*

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho}}{\partial t} + \bar{\nabla} \cdot \bar{u} = 0 \tag{1}$$

x-momentum

$$-\nabla \bar{P} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{u} + \rho g = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \bar{u}}{\partial t} + \bar{u} \cdot \nabla \bar{u} \right) + \nabla RS \tag{2}$$

y-momentum

$$-\nabla \bar{P} + \mu \nabla^2 \bar{y} + \rho g = \rho \left( \frac{\partial \bar{v}}{\partial t} + \bar{v} \cdot \nabla \bar{v} \right) + \nabla RS \tag{3}$$

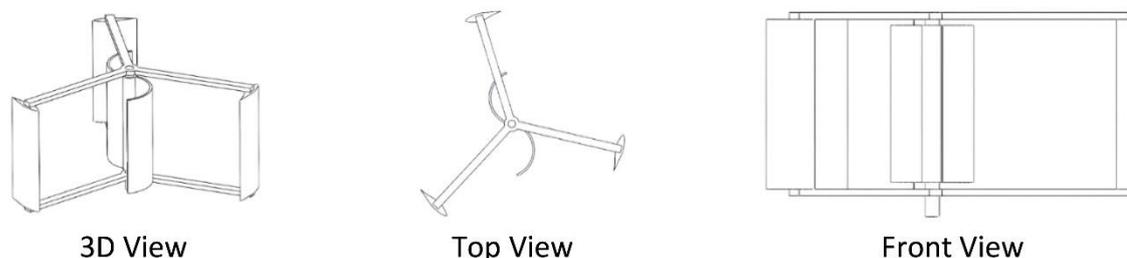
$\rho$  is fluid density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $u$  is wind velocity (m/s),  $P$  is fluid pressure (Pa),  $\mu$  is the dynamic fluid viscosity (kg/m·s),  $v$  is the fluid kinematic viscosity (m<sup>2</sup>/s),  $S$  is training (N/m),  $\nabla$  indicates the gradient differential operator, and  $\nabla^2$  is the Laplacian operator. The RANS equations can describe the phenomenon of fluid flow and explain the balance of forces acting on the fluid [25] so that these fit the needs of this research.

There are three stages in CFD, namely preprocessing, processing, and postprocessing. This CFD is done by using Ansys Fluent 18.1 software. The preprocessing stage includes creating geometry, creating boundary conditions, and meshing. This hybrid turbine model uses Savonius as an internal rotor and Darrieus as an external rotor. The configuration of the hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809 model used is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1** Configuration of the hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809 model.

<b>Hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809 Configuration</b>	
<b>Savonius</b>	
Number of blades	2
Overlap ratio	0
Aspect ratio (H/D)	0.77
Blade arc angle	135°
<b>Darrieus</b>	
Airfoil	NREL S809
Number of blades	3
R <sub>D</sub>	30 cm
Solidity	0.5
<b>Hybrid</b>	
Rotor Radius Ration (R <sub>S</sub> /R <sub>D</sub> )	0.1 – 0.5

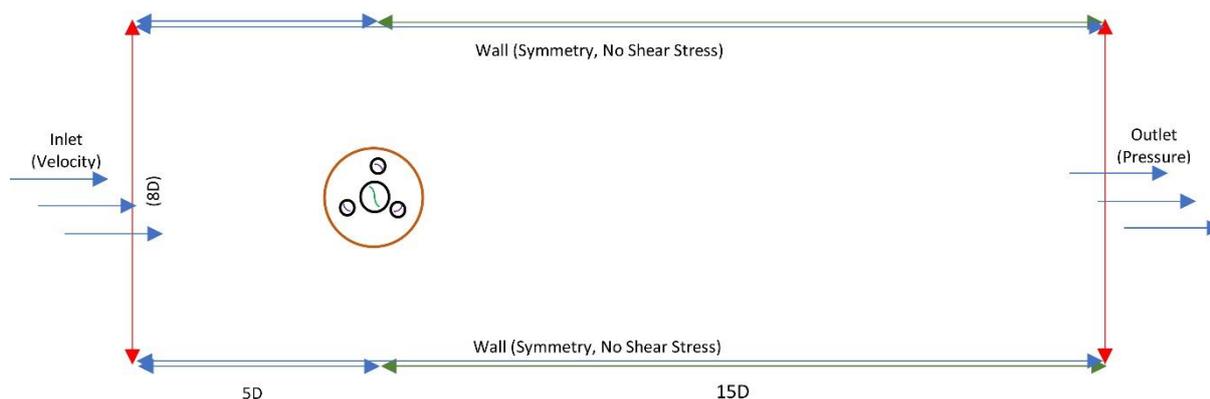
The 3D view of the model is show in Figure 2.



**Figure 2** Hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809

Savonius was placed in the middle of Darrieus rather than on top to save space. For this time, CFD was carried out in 2D because the turbine model in this study has a homogeneous shape from the bottom upwards.

Then, the boundary conditions are square with a + pattern in the middle of the boundary to make it easier to form a structured mesh. The size of the boundary condition refers to research [26], i.e., the turbine rotation center is 5D from the inlet side, 15D from the outlet side, 4D from the top and bottom, and the rotating zone has a diameter of 1.5D. D is the outer diameter of the turbine, which is the Darrieus diameter. The boundary condition is shown in Figure 3.



**Figure 3** Boundary condition.

The velocity inlet is the area where the fluid enters. The rotating domain is the area where the turbine rotates. The outlet is the area where the fluid exits the domain. Thus, the fluid flows horizontally from the inlet to the outlet.

Then, the next stage is meshing. The mesh model is a hybrid mesh, a combination of structured and unstructured mesh [27]. It is attempted to make the number of structured mesh more than unstructured mesh. The mesh is arranged more tightly on the side of the turbine blade to capture the fluid phenomenon. Then, inflation is applied. The first layer thickness ( $\Delta s$ ) is calculated using the following equation [20].

$$\Delta s = \frac{y^+ \mu}{U_f \rho} \quad (4)$$

$y^+$  is a non-dimensionless parameter, and the value is estimated to be 1,  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity of air ( $1.79 \cdot 10^{-5}$  kg/m·s),  $U_f$  is the velocity friction of turbine, and  $\rho$  is air density ( $1.225$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>). While the value of  $U_f$  is calculated using the following equation.

$$U_f = \sqrt{\frac{\tau_{wall}}{\rho}} \quad (5)$$

$\tau_{wall}$  is the wall shear stress which is calculated using the following equation.

$$\tau_{wall} = \frac{C_f \rho v^2}{2} \quad (6)$$

$C_f$  is the skin-friction coefficient which is calculated using the following equation.

$$C_f = 0.079 Re^{-0.2} \quad (7)$$

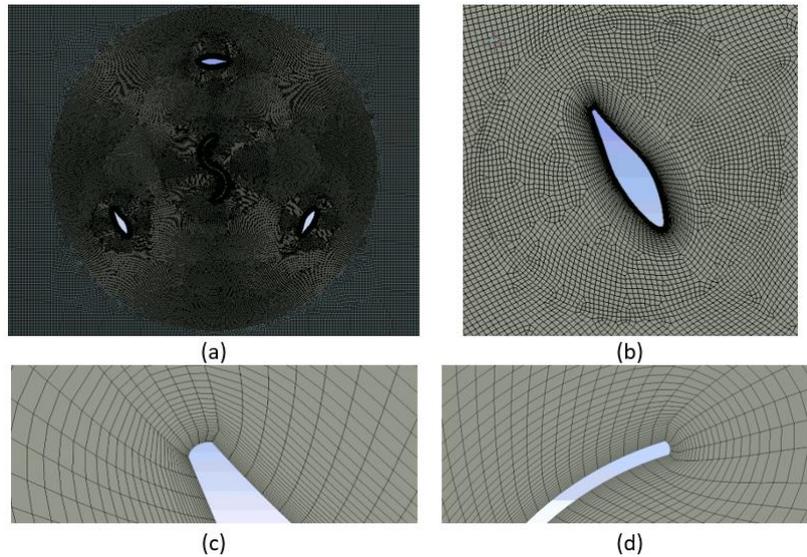
$Re$  is the Reynolds number which is calculated using the following equation [28].

$$Re = \frac{\rho U_\infty D_H}{\mu} \quad (8)$$

$\rho$  is the density of the air ( $1.225$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $\mu$  is the dynamic viscosity ( $1.7894 \cdot 10^{-5}$  kg/m·s) [29],  $U_\infty$  is the wind speed,  $D_H$  is the hydraulic diameter of the tunnel. The value of  $D_H$  is calculated using the following equation [30].

$$D_H = \frac{4ab}{a+b} \quad (9)$$

$a$  is the tunnel width and  $b$  is the tunnel height. When  $a$  is 4.8 m,  $b$  is 0.46, and  $U_\infty$  is 5.3 m/s, the Reynold numbers value of the tunnel is  $2.886 \cdot 10^5$ . Then, the value of  $\Delta s$  can be obtained as 0.000103 m using Eq. 4. The meshing results are shown in Figure 4.



**Figure 4** Meshing rotating zone (a), Darrieus blade (b), Darrieus tip (c), Savonius tip (d).

The efficient mesh density can be assessed through a grid independence test, which is a test that involves studying several variations of mesh density and selecting an efficient mesh model from these variations. The grid independence test method is used because this method is good enough to determine the effectiveness of the mesh composition in the computational process [31]. The mesh quality in this study is an average aspect ratio of 2.108, an average skewness of 0.001, and an average orthogonal quality of 0.996. Referring to [32], the mesh quality in this study is high enough for calculation analysis. However, validation must still be carried out using experimental data to ensure that the mesh density is truly acceptable.

## 2.2 Processing

The next stage is processing. The setup calculation used is shown in Table 2.

**Table 2** Setup calculation.

Parameters	Value
Viscous model	Realizable k-e, Enhanced Wall Treatment
TSR	0.1 – 3.5
Turbine blade	Moving wall, rotational
Inlet	Velocity inlet (5.3 m/s)
Rotating zone	Rotated condition
Turbulent intensity	1%
Turbulent length scale	0.07D
Outlet	Pressure outlet
Boundary wall	Stationary wall, symmetry
Temperature	288.16 K
Ratio of specific heat	1.4
Solution method	SIMPLE, 2 <sup>nd</sup> order up wind, 1 <sup>st</sup> order implicit

A wind speed of 5.3 m/s was used because it was adjusted to the average wind speed in the ASEAN region [10] and the validation journal [33].

The selection of the viscous model and solution method in this study was carried out by trial and error to obtain the appropriate viscous model and solution method, which could give convergent results. The convergence is set at  $10^{-4}$ , and data collection is carried out for the 6<sup>th</sup> outer rotor rotations since the turbine starts rotating steadily after the 5<sup>th</sup> rotation.

The calculation process is carried out during this stage every 1° turbine rotation. According to [34], using an increment angle of 1° is recommended because it is quite accurate and does not take long. This affects the time step calculated using Eq. 9 [34].

$$\Delta t = \frac{\varphi}{180 \cdot \frac{\omega}{\pi}} \quad (10)$$

where  $\Delta t$  is the time step (s),  $\varphi$  is the azimuth angle (°), and  $\omega$  is the rotating speed of the turbine rotor (rad/s).

Then, at this processing stage, the Moment Coefficient ( $C_M$ ) value will be generated at each azimuth angle in each Tip Speed Ratio (TSR). To obtain the value of the total  $C_M$  in each TSR, the value of the  $C_M$  at each azimuth angle is averaged.

### 2.3 Postprocessing

The turbine Power Coefficient ( $C_P$ ) is calculated manually using the following equation.

$$C_P = \lambda \cdot C_M \quad (11)$$

where  $\lambda$  is TSR that calculated from the outer rotor and  $C_M$  is Moment Coefficient.  $C_M$  values are displayed automatically from CFD results. Ansys calculates the  $C_M$  value using the Eq. 11.

$$C_M = \frac{T}{\frac{1}{4} \rho A D U_\infty^2} \quad (12)$$

where  $T$  is torque (N·m),  $\rho$  is air density (kg/m<sup>3</sup>),  $A$  is rotor area (m<sup>2</sup>), and  $U_\infty$  is air velocity (m/s). Finally, the  $C_M$  and  $C_P$  data are used to analyze the performance of the turbine.

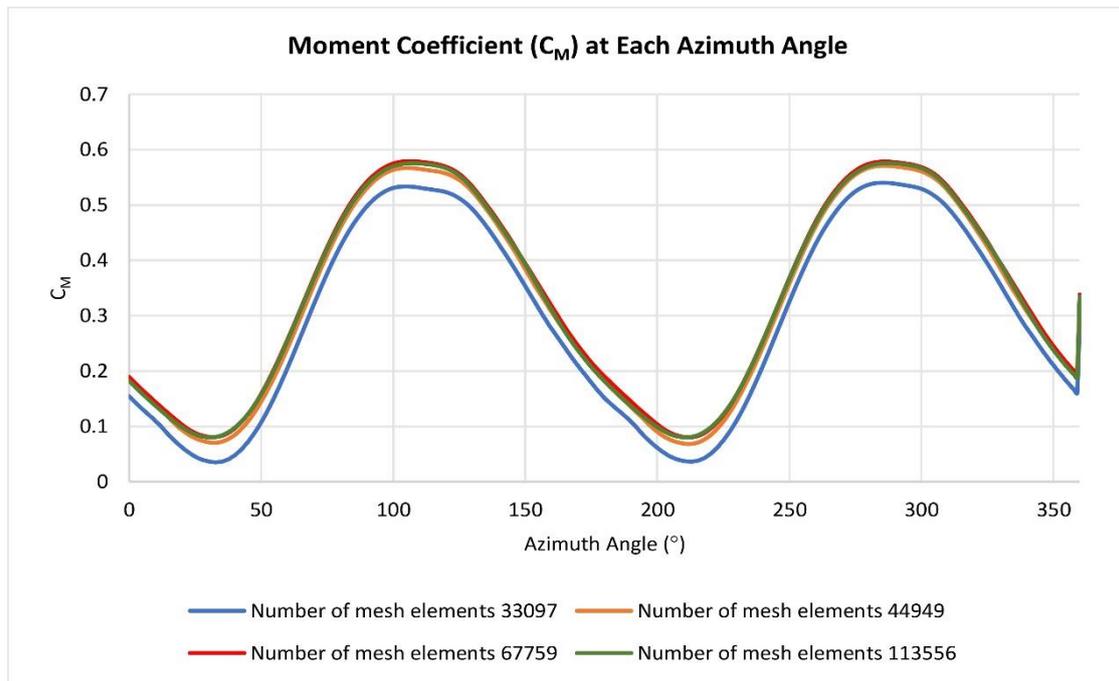
## 3. Results and Discussion

### 3.1 Grid Independence Test

When performing CFD, the density of mesh elements greatly affects the accuracy of CFD results. The denser the mesh elements, the higher the  $C_P$  value. However, the high value of  $C_P$  does not mean that the CFD process is accurate. To determine the accuracy of the CFD results, it is necessary to validate them based on experimental data. A grid independence test is carried out to determine the configuration of mesh elements needed to provide accurate results and an efficient CFD process. The grid independence test uses the two-bladed Savonius model. After obtaining the correct ratio configuration of the number of mesh elements, the configuration is carried out for the hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809 model. The mesh elements used for the grid independence test

in this study are 33097, 44949, 67759, and 113556, respectively. Setting the number of mesh elements is done by varying the size of the outermost mesh element sequentially by 3 cm, 2.8 cm, 2.6 cm, and 2.4 cm, then setting the ratio of the mesh element size to the inside of 0.5 from the outermost size. The process of the grid independence test is carried out on TSR 0.6 at a wind velocity of 5.3 m/s.

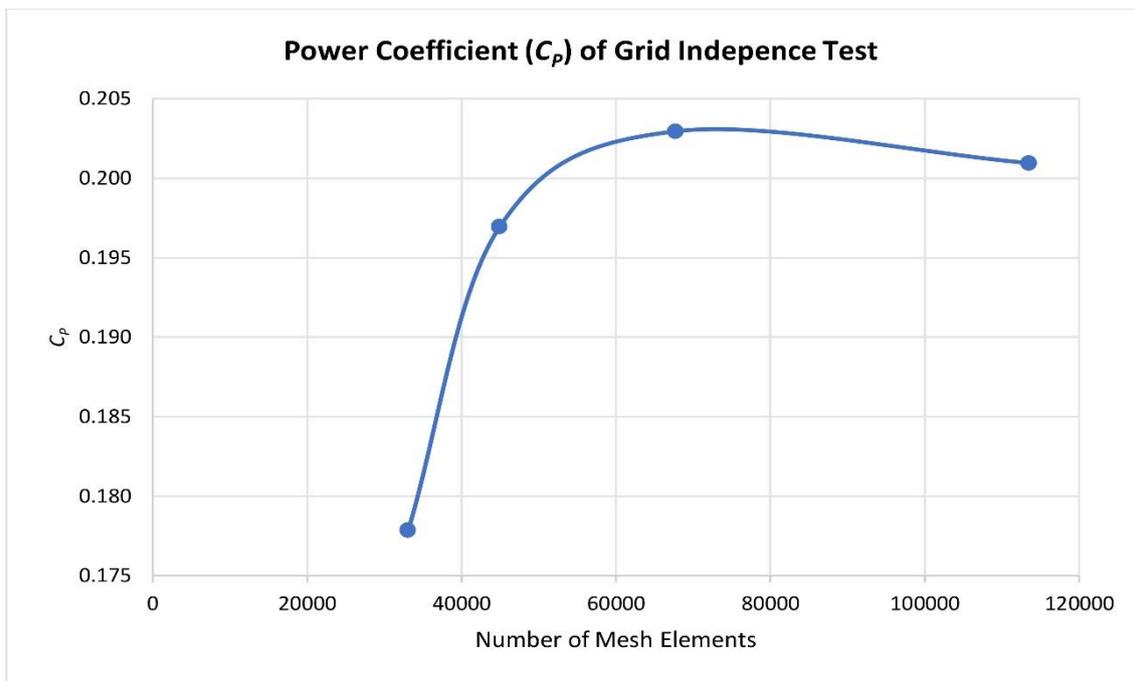
The grid independence test is evaluated through  $C_M$  and  $C_P$  graphs. Each graph shows the effect of increasing the number of mesh elements on the  $C_M$  and  $C_P$  values from the CFD results. The  $C_M$  graph at each azimuth angle from the results of the grid independence test is shown in Figure 5.



**Figure 5** Graph of Moment Coefficient ( $C_M$ ) at each azimuth angle.

Based on the graph in Figure 5, it can be observed that the more the mesh elements used, the higher the positive moment value in the turbine model, and vice versa. However, the higher resulting  $C_M$  value does not indicate accurate results.

Then,  $C_P$  data can be used to analyze the sensitivity level of the mesh to changes in the number of mesh elements given. The  $C_P$  data from the grid independence test is shown in Figure 6.

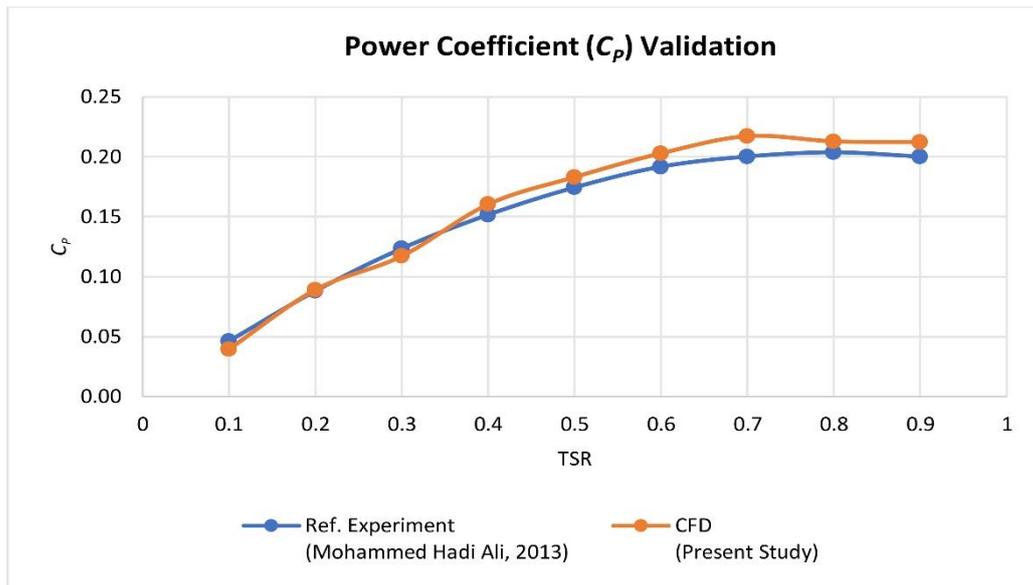


**Figure 6** Power Coefficient ( $C_p$ ) of grid independence test graph.

Based on the graph in Figure 6, the addition of the amount of mesh from 33097 to 44949 gives a large difference in the  $C_p$  value, which is 10.73%. It means that in this range, adding of the number of mesh still causes a significant change in the  $C_p$  value. The addition of the amount of mesh from 44949 to 67759 gives a  $C_p$  difference of 3.05%, while the addition of the mesh from 67759 to 113556 gives a very small difference, which is 0.99%. The slope of the graph of the change in  $C_p$  from the number of mesh elements 67759 to 113556 indicates that above the number of meshes 67759, the addition of the number of meshes no longer gives a significant difference to the  $C_p$  value. The more the number of mesh elements used, the longer the CFD process takes and the heavier the computer work becomes. Using the number of mesh elements 67759 is quite good in providing CFD results. The  $y_{max}^+$  value for the internal rotor is 1.723, and the external rotor is 2.421. In addition, among all variations in the number of mesh elements used, the number of mesh elements 67759 has the smallest difference to the experimental data referring to [33], which is 5.82%. Therefore, the 67759-mesh density configuration is applied to the hybrid turbine CFD in this study.

### 3.2 Validation

The mesh density configuration obtained from the results of the grid independence test is used to validate the setup configuration. Validation is carried out to know the accuracy of the selected setup calculation. If the accuracy level is high enough, the selected setup calculation is appropriate and can be employed for the hybrid turbine model. The validation uses secondary data, namely the experimental data of the two-bladed Savonius turbine conducted by [33]. For the validation process, the dimensions of the two-bladed Savonius in this study are the same as the ones of research [33]. Validation is done at TSR 0.1 – 0.9 and wind velocity 5.3 m/s. The  $C_p$  graph of the validation results is shown in Figure 7.



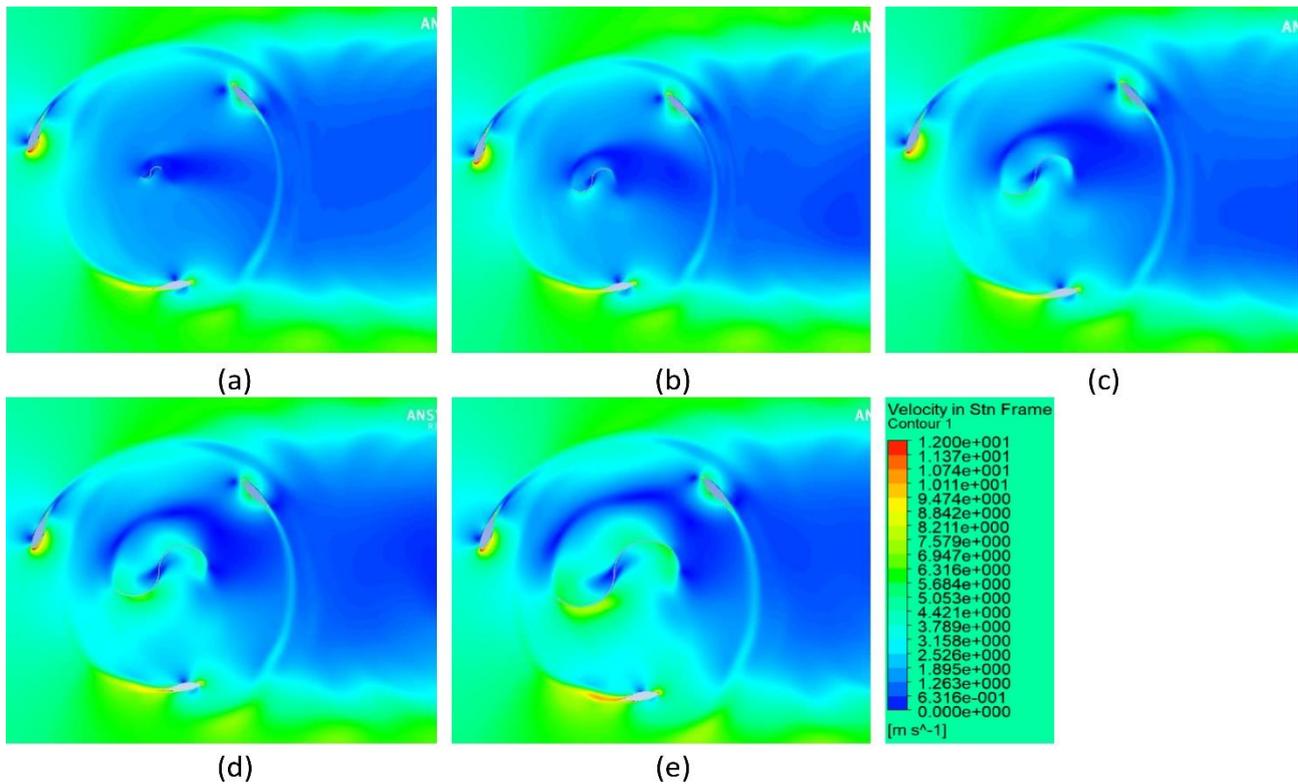
**Figure 7** Power Coefficient ( $C_p$ ) of the validation.

Figure 7 shows that the CFD data in this study is similar to the experiment's secondary data [33], except at high TSR, there is a slight difference in value. This slight difference occurs because although the dimensions of the turbine and several simulation conditions have been made the same as the reference, the temperature and pressure conditions used in the CFD are not the same as the reference since the factors such as the temperature and pressure of the test environment are not described in the reference. However, the Realizable k-e, Enhanced Wall Treatment viscous model in the CFD process provides an average difference of 6.26% against the secondary data of the experiment [33]. Based on research [35], the Realizable k-e, Enhanced Wall Treatment viscous model is recommended for hybrid VAWT CFD. Thus, it is believed that the setup calculations to validate the Savonius turbine also provide accurate results when implemented in a hybrid Savonius-Darrieus.

### 3.3 Velocity Distribution and Pressure Distribution

Free stream air flows into the turbine blade resulting in a collision between the air mass flow and the turbine blade. The collision causes a force on each turbine blade so that it can rotate it. Simultaneously, the airflow hits the returning blade and advancing blade of the Savonius. The advancing blade is the Savonius concave side facing the inlet while returning blade is the Savonius convex side facing the inlet. In principle, the advancing blade generates positive torque while returning blade generates negative torque. The torque generated by the advancing blade is more dominant so that the turbine can rotate.

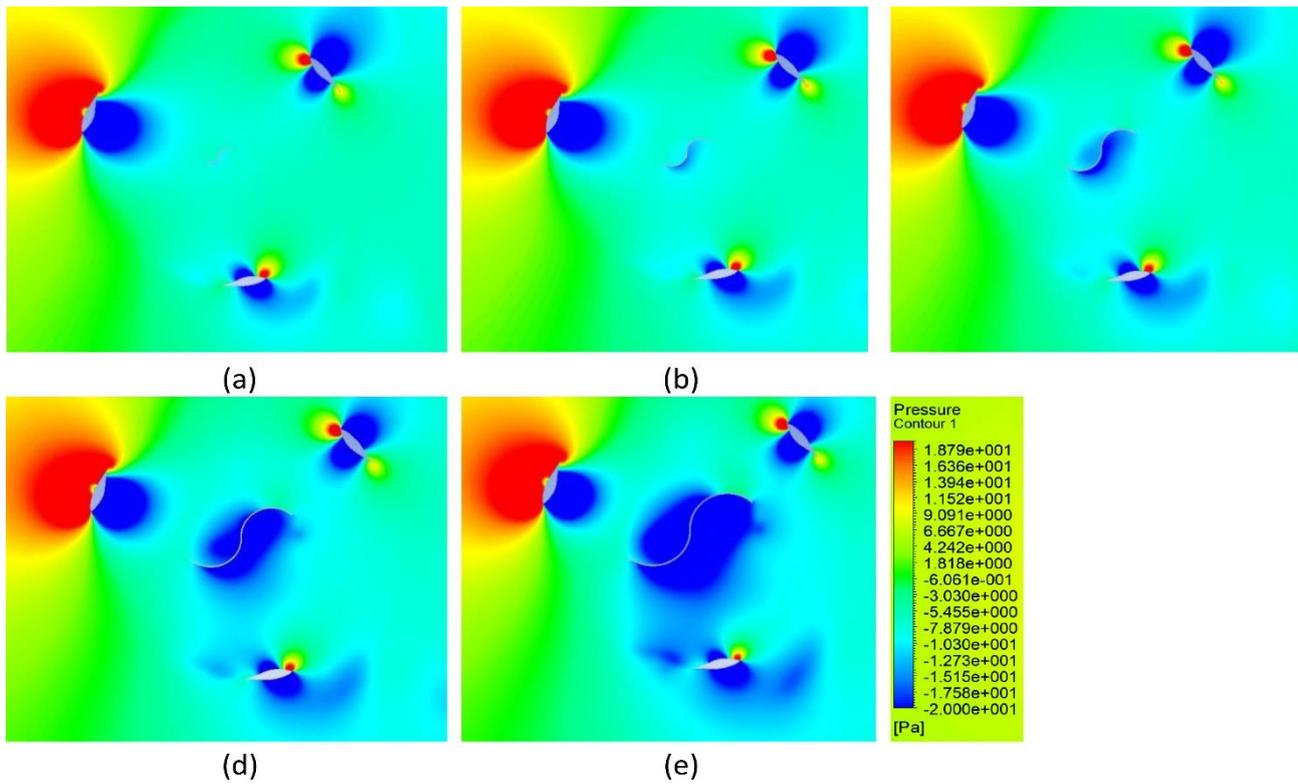
Based on this CFD, the velocity contour can be seen in Figure 8.



**Figure 8** Velocity Contour of  $R_S/R_D$  0.1 (a),  $R_S/R_D$  0.2 (b),  $R_S/R_D$  0.3 (c),  $R_S/R_D$  0.4 (d), and  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 (e).

The speed contour is taken at TSR 2.5 because it is the optimum TSR of the turbine. The velocity contours are shown at an azimuth angle of  $115^\circ$  because the different contours of each model are most clearly observed at that azimuth angle. Of the five models, the contour near the Darrieus airfoils is mostly the same, but there are differences on the Savonius side. The fluid velocity on the upstream side of Darrieus is lower than that on the downstream, and the greatest fluid velocity occurs at the leading edge. The flow velocity on the advancing side of the  $R_S/R_D$  0.1 model is the lowest compared to the others. The blue contour color indicates this on the advancing blade model  $R_S/R_D$  0.1, which is wider than the others. The highest fluid flow velocity on the Savonius advancing blade side occurs in the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model. In addition, the flow rate behind the Savonius for the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model is also the highest among the others. The flow velocity value is inversely proportional to the pressure so that if the flow velocity is low, the pressure at that point is high, and vice versa. This will be proven in the pressure contour analysis.

Then, the characteristics of the pressure generated by the turbine can explain the cause of the rotating turbine and produce a force value. The pressure contour that needs attention is the pressure difference around the turbine blade. The pressure contour of each turbine model is shown in Figure 9.



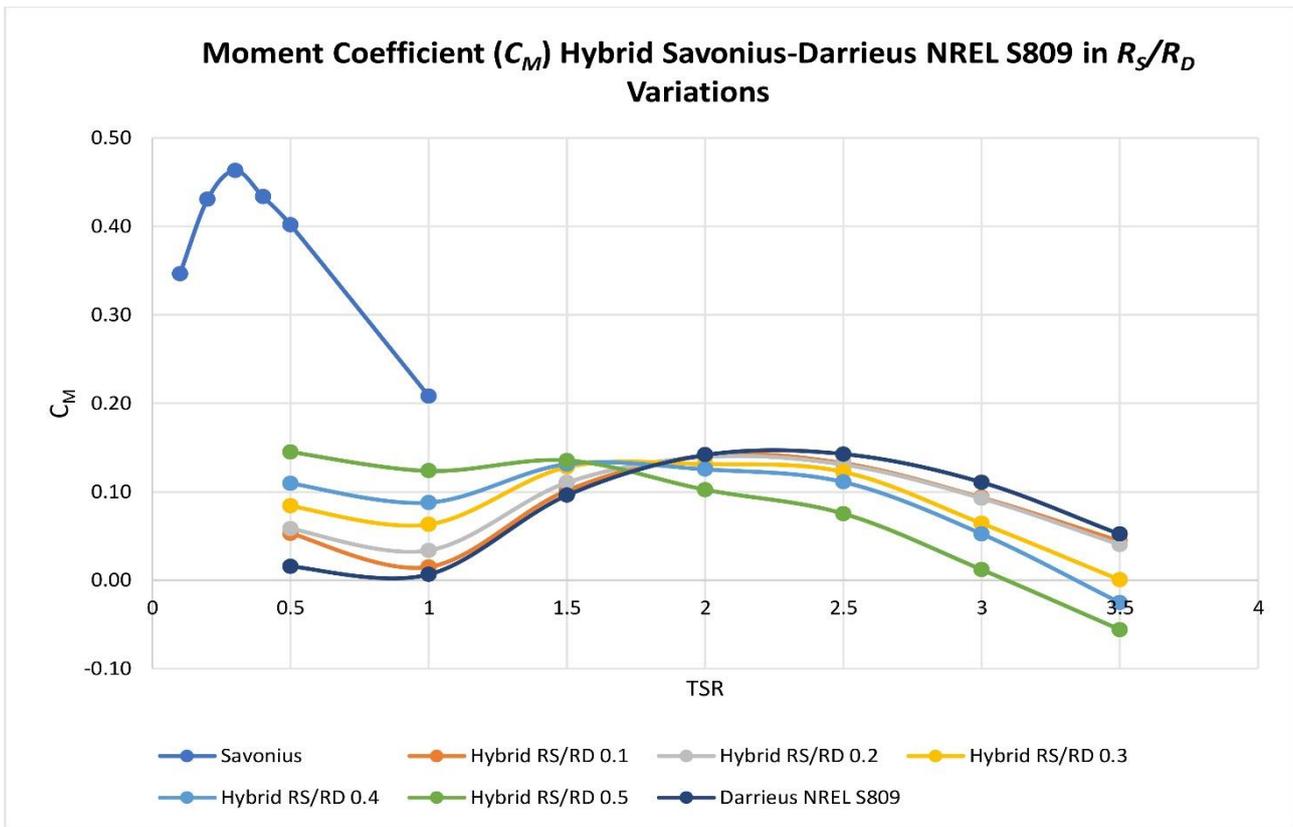
**Figure 9** Pressure Contour of  $R_S/R_D$  0.1 (a),  $R_S/R_D$  0.2 (b),  $R_S/R_D$  0.3 (c),  $R_S/R_D$  0.4 (d), and  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 (e).

The pressure contour is also presented at a TSR of 2.5 and an azimuth angle of  $115^\circ$ . Based on the picture in Figure 9, the pressure difference that occurs on Darrieus is greater than on Savonius. Darrieus's upstream side was under greater pressure than the downstream side. It is marked in red on the upstream side while blue on the downstream side. The pressure difference that occurs is very high, reaching 20 Pa upstream and -20 Pa downstream. A direct collision with the fluid mass flow from the inlet causes the high pressure on the upstream side of Darrieus. However, Darrieus's airfoil behind Savonius has a smaller difference than the other airfoils because the flow of fluid hitting it is blocked by Savonius.

Among all the models, the returning blade Savonius from the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model receives the greatest pressure. This means that the negative torque generated by the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model is the largest compared to the others. The turbine extracts the greater the negative torque that occurs, the less power. Meanwhile, the pressure difference in the Darrieus airfoils of the five models tends to be the same. Thus, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model on the TSR 2.5 has the greatest negative torque, which can cause the power extracted by the turbine to be small. This is proven through the  $C_M$  and  $C_P$  graphs, which are discussed in the next section.

### 3.4 Moment Coefficient ( $C_M$ ) and Power Coefficient ( $C_P$ ) of Hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809

The essence of this study is to determine the effect of  $R_S/R_D$  on the performance of the hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809. This can be analyzed through  $C_M$  and  $C_P$  graphs from the CFD process. The  $C_M$  graph in each TSR is shown in Figure 10.



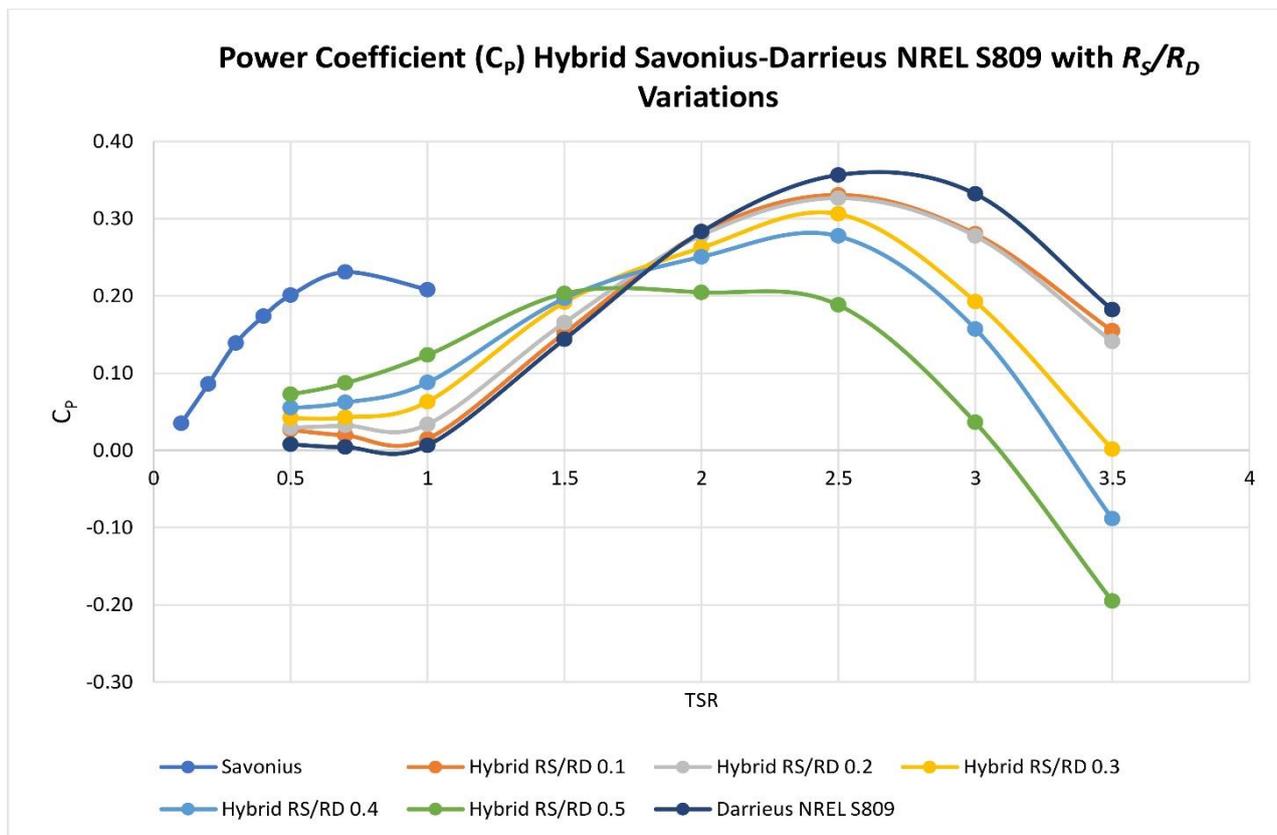
**Figure 10**  $C_M$  graph in several  $R_S/R_D$  variations.

CFD is carried out in the TSR range of 0.5 -3.5 because in that range it can be observed the difference in each variation of  $R_S/R_D$ . The graph in Figure 10 shows that the greater the  $R_S/R_D$  value, the greater the  $C_M$  value at low TSR. The high value of  $C_M$  at low TSR means that the turbine has the sufficient self-starting capability.

Of all hybrid models, the  $C_M$  value at TSR 0.5 is greater than TSR 1. This is because Savonius works more dominantly at TSR less than 1. Darrieus works more dominantly in the next TSR, but Savonius inhibits Darrieus because it can't rotate at TSR above 1. As a result, after showing an increase in torque at a TSR above 1, at a certain TSR, all models show a decrease in  $C_M$  value again. A turbine owns the largest  $C_M$  value at low TSR with an  $R_S/R_D$  of 0.5. This shows that the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model has the best self-starting.

Furthermore, the wind speed required to rotate is also the lowest compared to the others. In the range of TSR 0.5 – 1.5, the  $C_M$  value of the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model tends to be stable at  $C_M$  0.15, though it is still unable to exceed the Savonius one. However, the  $C_M$  of the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model is 8-times higher than single Darrieus at TSR 0.5 and the highest among all hybrid models; this value has exceeded the target to increase the initial  $C_M$  of the turbine, which is 5-times higher than a single Darrieus. At low TSR, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.1 model has the smallest  $C_M$  value among the others. So, based on the graph of Figure 10, the increase in the  $R_S/R_D$  value does cause an increase in the initial  $C_M$  value of the turbine, but at a TSR above 1.5, the turbine shows a rapid decrease in  $C_M$  value.

Furthermore, when the  $C_M$  value is multiplied by the TSR as Eq. 10, the  $C_P$  value is obtained, as shown in Figure 11.



**Figure 11** Power Coefficient ( $C_p$ ) graph in several  $R_S/R_D$  variations.

The graph in Figure 11 shows that the greater the  $R_S/R_D$  value, the higher the  $C_p$  value at the initial TSR. On the other hand, the greater the  $R_S/R_D$  value, the faster the  $C_p$  value drops at the TSR above 1.5, and the  $C_{p_{max}}$  value is also getting smaller. Among all hybrid models, the highest  $C_{p_{max}}$  value is owned by the 0.1 and 0.2  $R_S/R_D$  models, which are 0.33 at TSR 2.5, respectively. The lowest  $C_{p_{max}}$  value is owned by the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model, which is 0.20 at TSR 1.5. The smaller the  $R_S/R_D$  value, the more dominant Darrieus's work is, which shows that the hybrid turbines with small  $R_S/R_D$  tend to have high  $C_p$  values at high TSR.

At initial TSR, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model has the largest  $C_p$  value of 0.07, while the  $R_S/R_D$  0.1 model has the smallest  $C_p$  value of 0.03. However, at TSR above 1.5, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model experiences a rapid decrease in  $C_p$  value compared to other models. At TSR above 2, the hybrid model's  $C_p$  can still not exceed a single Darrieus. Therefore, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model has the smallest  $C_{p_{max}}$  value at high TSR compared to other models. However, the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model has a  $C_p$  value 8-times higher than the single Darrieus in the initial TSR.

The Savonius Darrieus hybrid turbine's performance is a combination of each turbine's characteristics. Savonius has the characteristic of not being able to rotate above the wind that hits it. Based on these properties, since Savonius prevents Darrieus from rotating at a higher TSR, there is a decrease in the  $C_M$  and  $C_p$  value. However, as shown by Figs, based on the characteristics of each model. 10 and 11, the maximum advantage can be achieved if a turbine has  $C_M$  and  $C_p$  values as high as the  $R_S/R_D$  0.5 model at the low TSR and as high as a single Darius at the high TSR. This condition can be obtained in several ways, one of which is by utilizing the ratchet concept [36] so that at the low TSR, the turbine can rotate in hybrid mode, while at high TSR, the turbine is changed to a single Darrieus mode.

#### 4. Conclusions

It can be concluded that increasing the Rotor Radius Ratio value has impacts the initial Moment Coefficient value of the hybrid VAWT Savonius-Darrieus NREL S809. When the Rotor Radius Ratio of the hybrid turbine is increased, the initial Moment Coefficient value also increases. However, the higher the Rotor Radius Ratio value, the lower the maximum Power Coefficient value. Among all models, Rotor Radius Ratio 0.5 has the best Moment Coefficient at low TSR but has the lowest maximum Power Coefficient. The Rotor Radius Ratio 0.5 model can increase the initial Moment Coefficient 8 times higher than the single Darrieus and 2 times higher than the Rotor Radius Ratio 0.1 model. Then, based on our findings, the maximum advantage can be achieved if a turbine has Moment Coefficient and Power Coefficient values as high as the Rotor Radius Ratio 0.5 model at the low TSR and as high as a single Darius at the high TSR.

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