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## A Study on Wing Sections for the Switch-Back Motion of Very Large Mobile Offshore Structure

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**Summary:** A concept of sailing type Very Large Mobile Offshore Structure for the windpower generation, which is abbreviated to VLMOS, is presently being studied in Japan. VLMOS keeps its position with the switch-back motion in which strut wings play an important roll to counter the drag force acting on wind turbines. The sectional shape of the strut wing should be symmetrical in cord direction and should have sharp edges at both ends because of the switch-back motion with which VLMOS advance against the wind. We mainly focus on the flow separation around the strut wing in this paper, since the flow separation is key-information for conceptual design of the strut wing. Three types of strut wing are tested to know the effect of wing thickness on the flow separation around the strut wing. Measurements of the lift and drag forces have been carried out as well as the flow visualization. In addition, the effect of a turbulent stimulator on the measured results is investigated to know the performance of full scale strut wing. From these results we find that thick wing brings large flow separation occurring at the rear of the wing, and it is not suitable for the strut wing of VLMOS. A relatively thin wing section whose flow separation is negligibly small is recommended from results of the measurement without turbulent stimulator. The measurement with turbulent stimulator confirms that this wing section has enough performance for the full scale strut wing of VLMOS.

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