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Introduction

At first one has to look to the tracker system. One has to distinguish into

1. Single axis system with individual driving system at each axis
2. Single axis system with power driver for more than one axis
3. Tracker with torque driving system at each support column (i.e. Schletter sun step technology)



Tilt Angle

+60° to -60° → row distance



Wind Action

The wind loads have to be considered for the following actions:

- a. At working positions
- b. At stow position

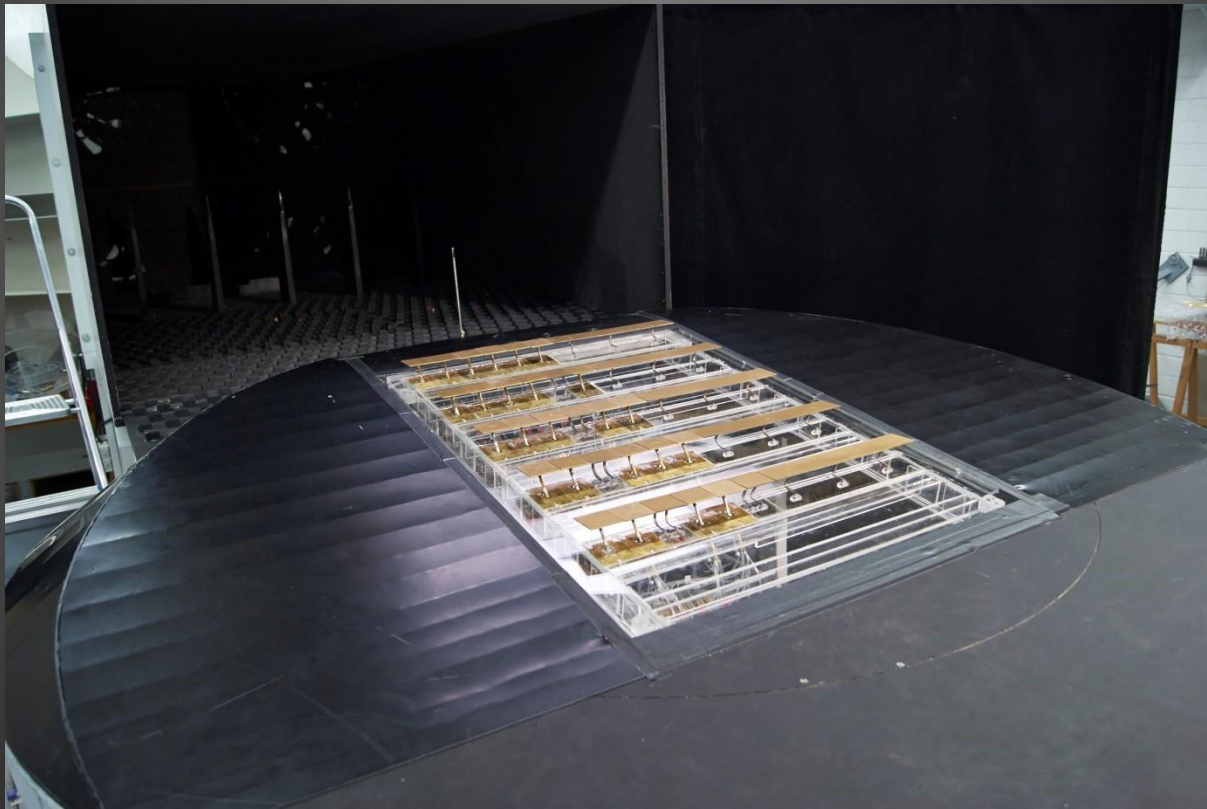


Wind Tunnel Test

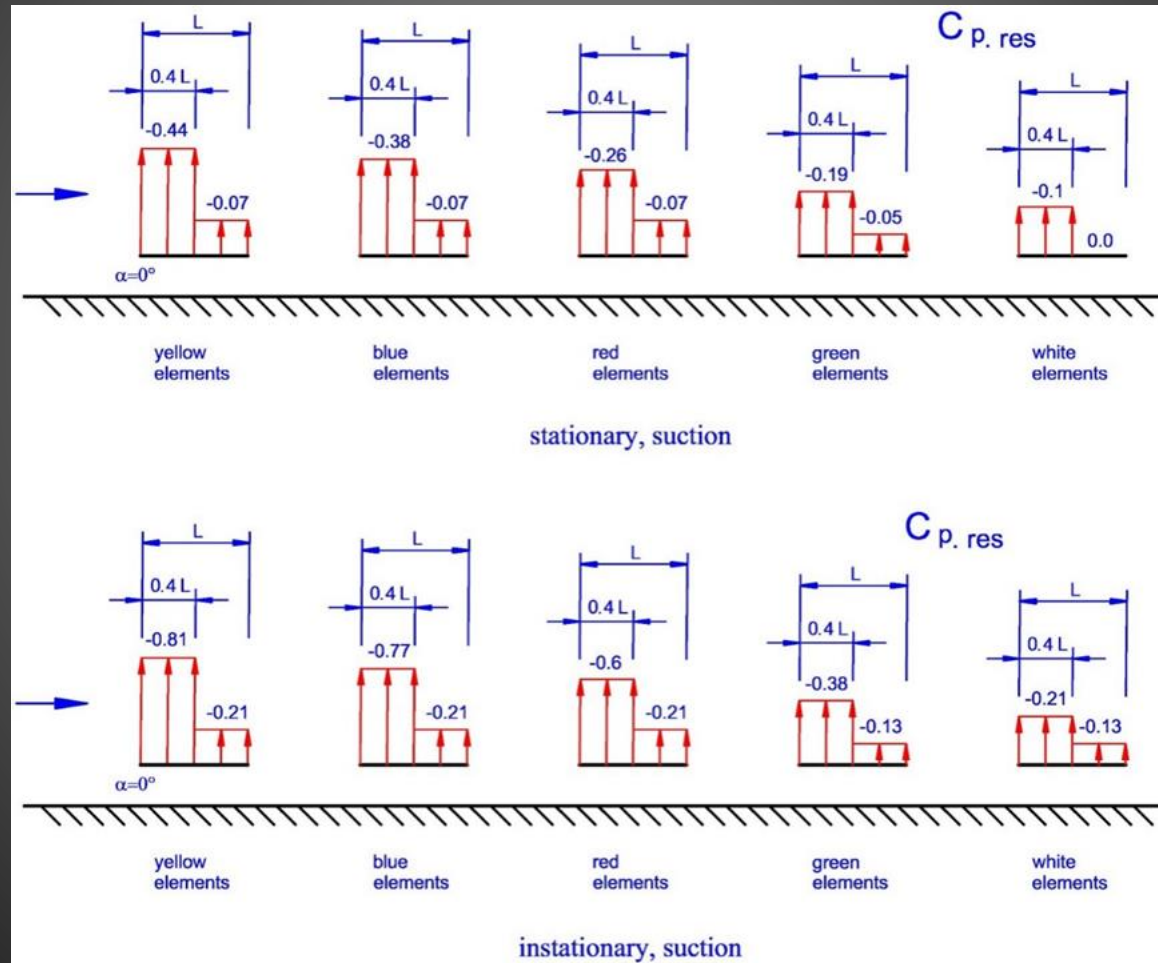


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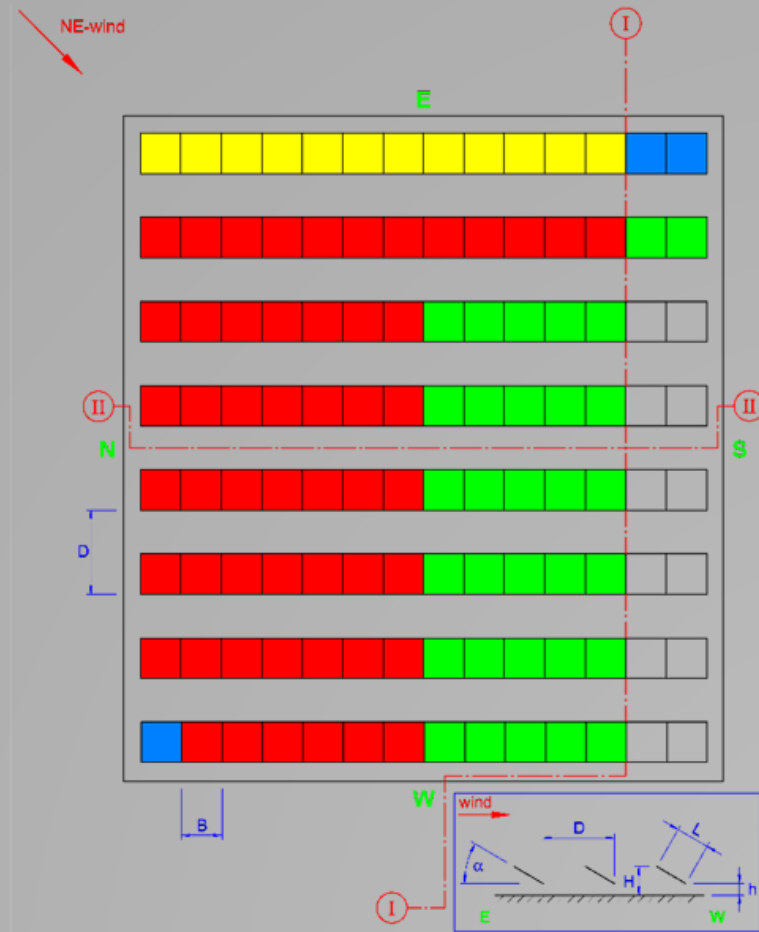
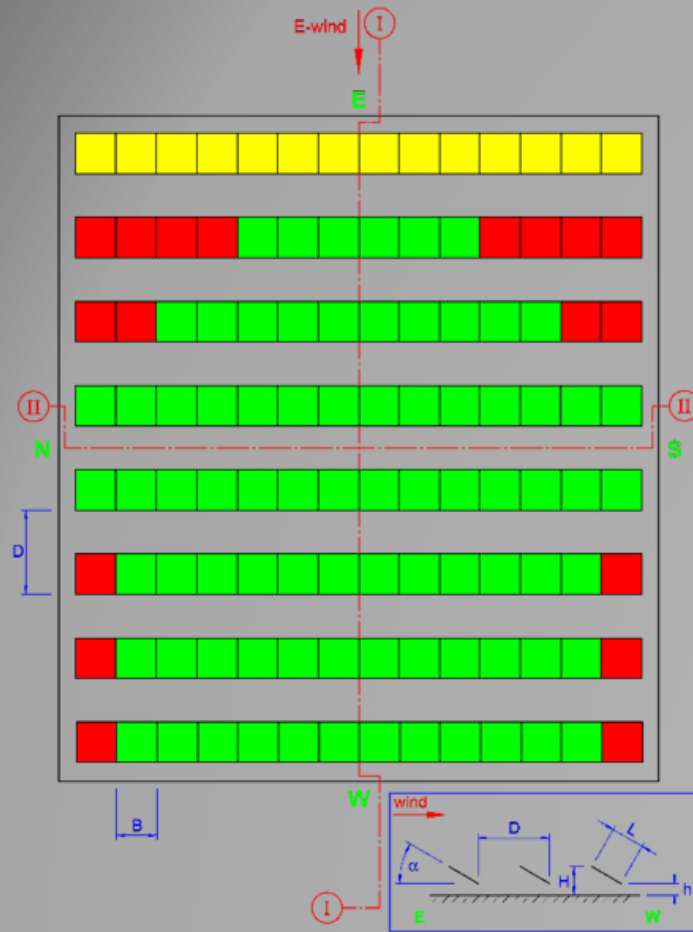
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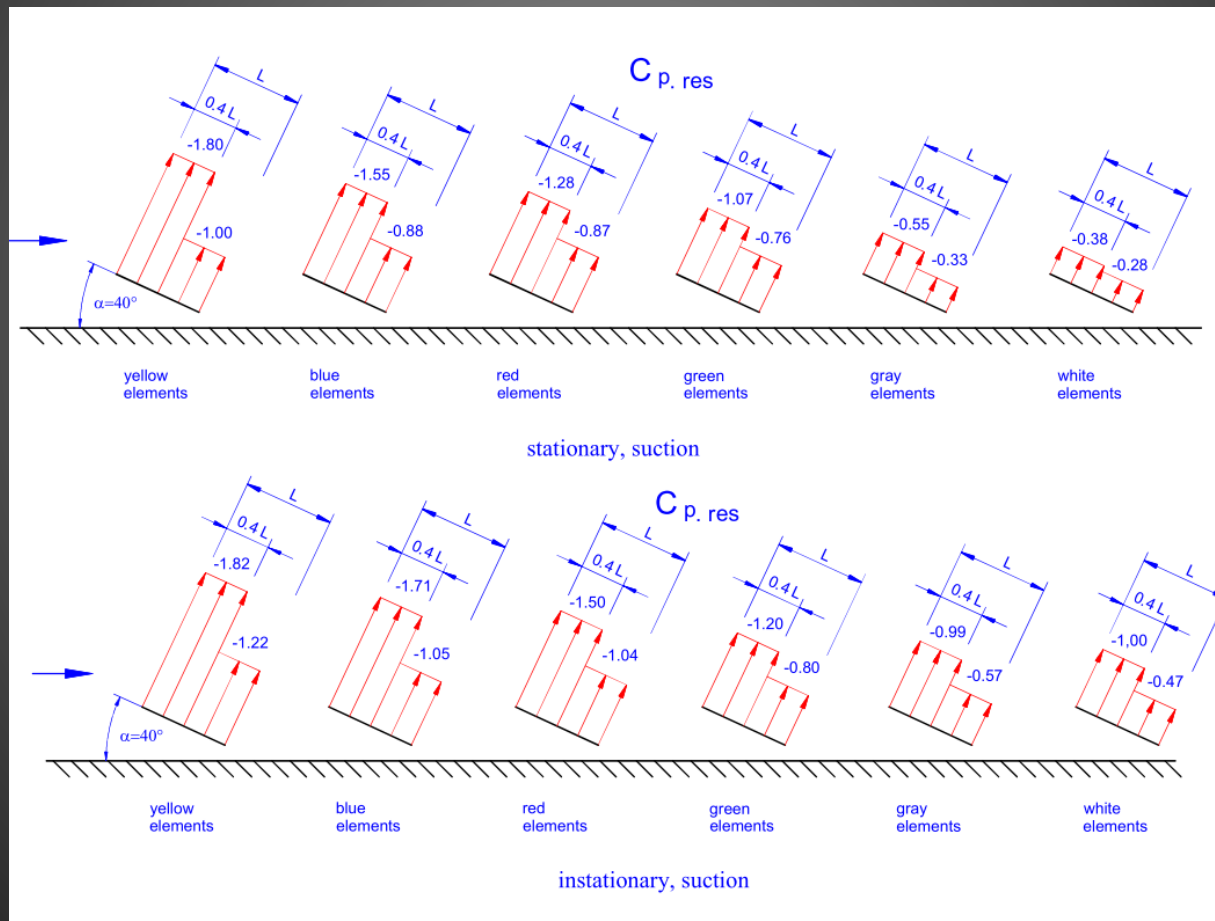
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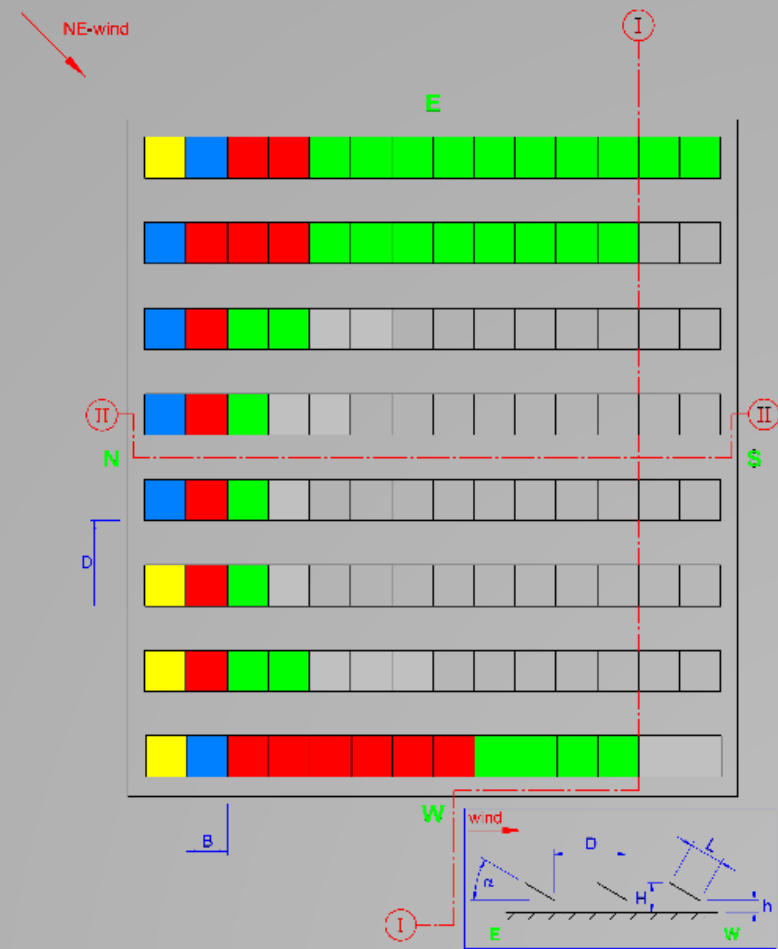
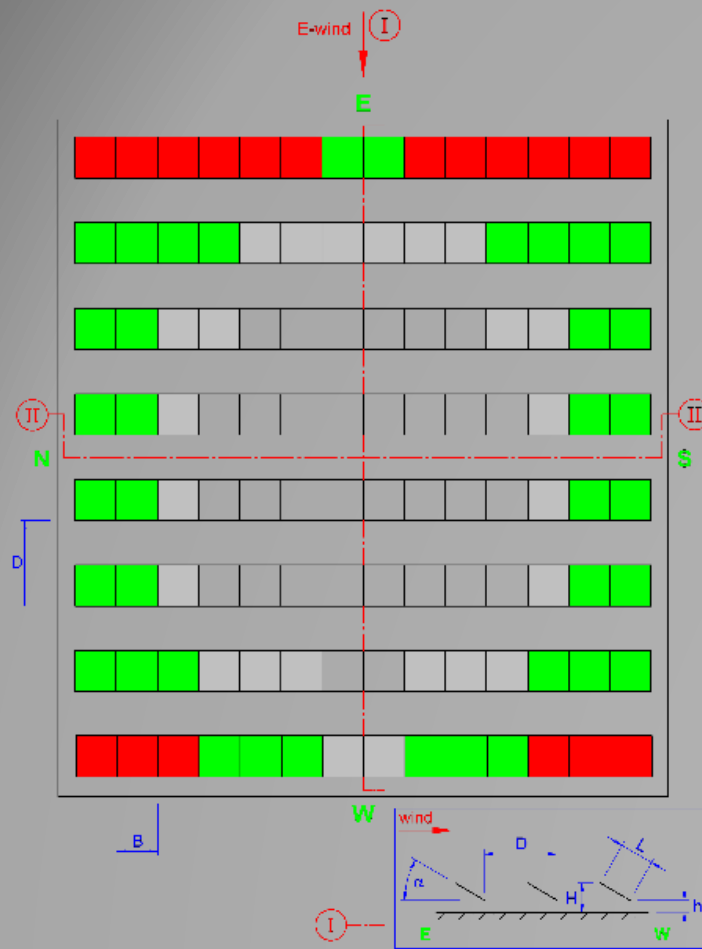
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Flutter Instability

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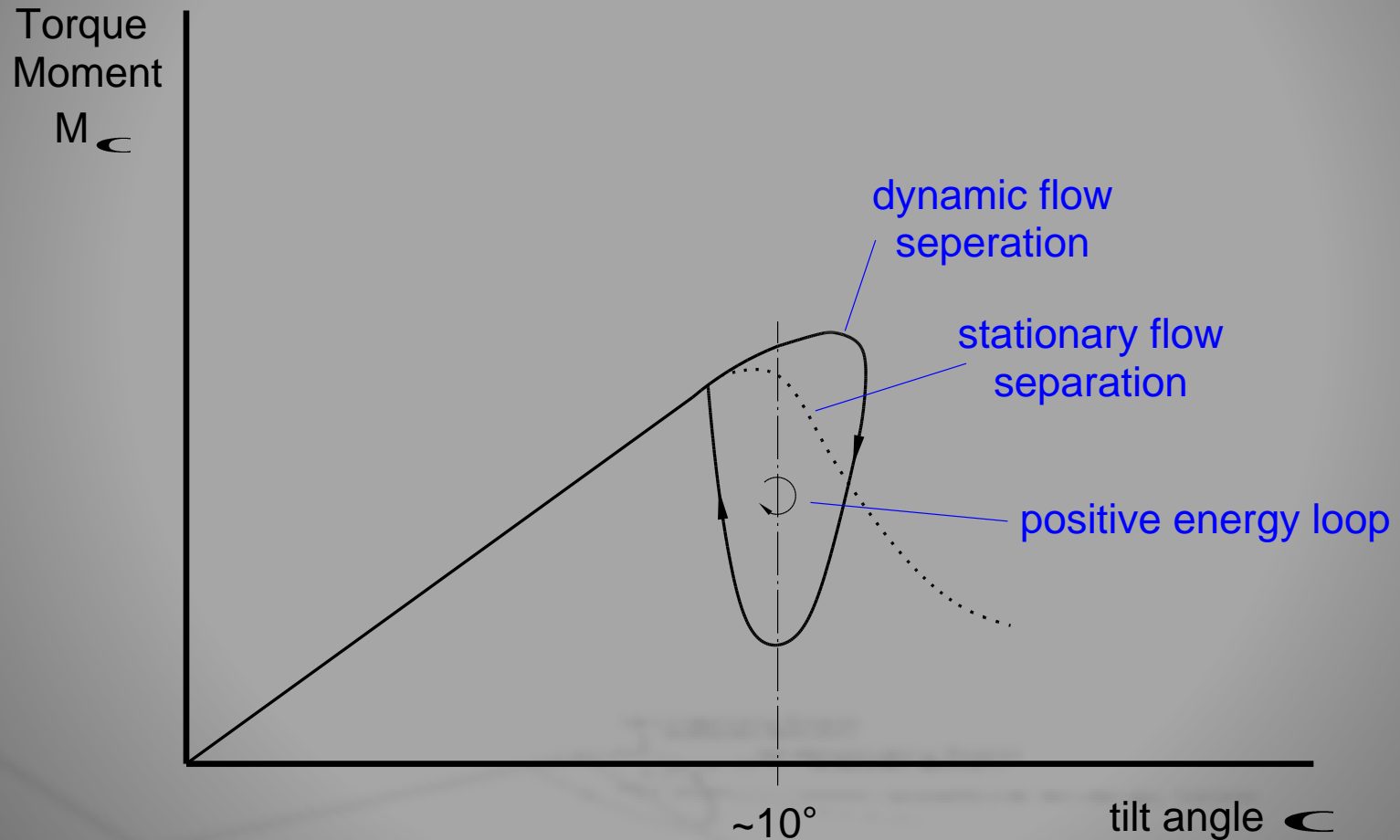
At stow position of $\alpha \approx 0^\circ$ \longrightarrow Torque moment



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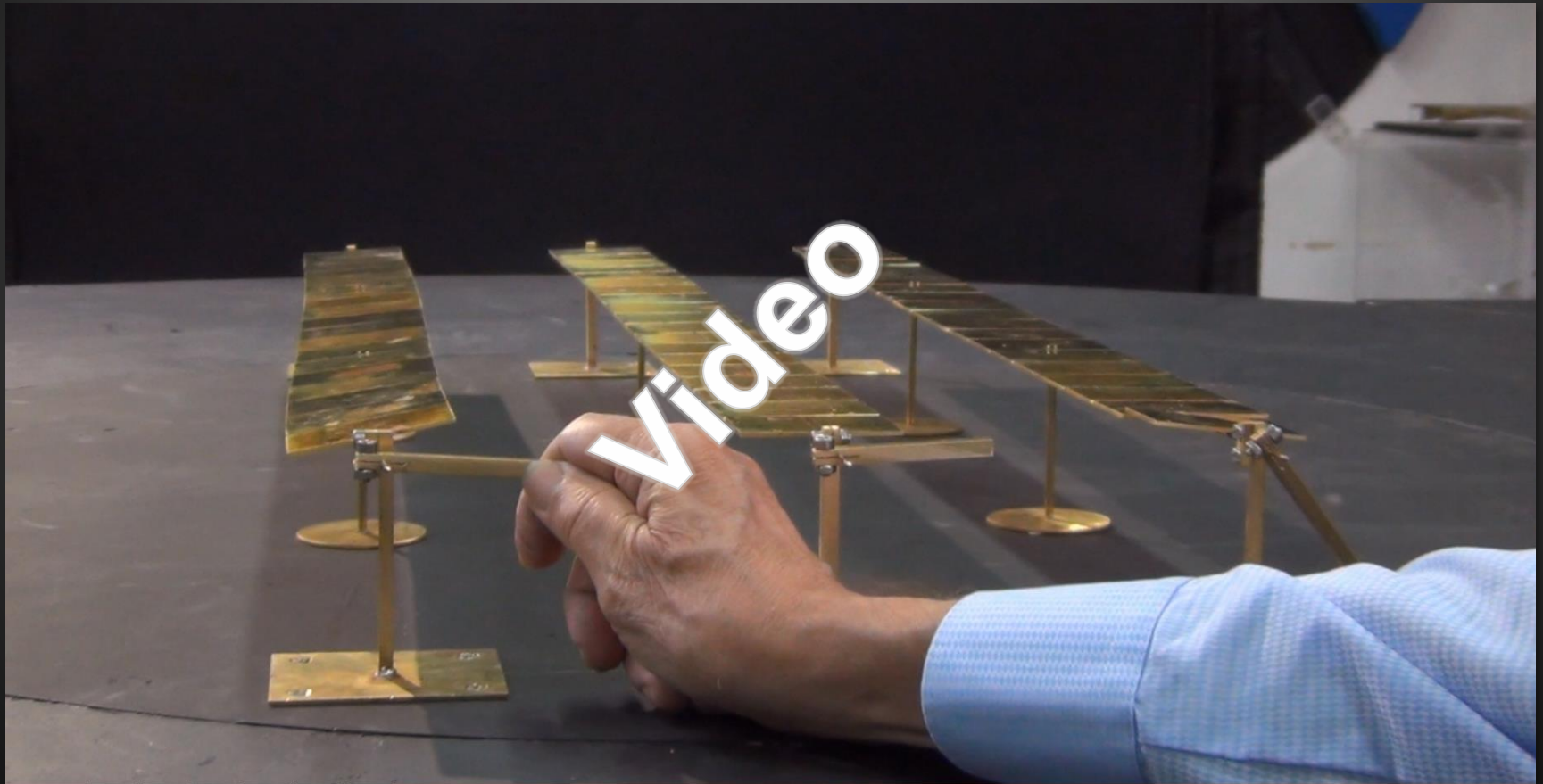


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The stall flutter vibration has been demonstrated at a simple aeroelastic tracker model in the wind tunnel. By turning the modules into the critical position of approximately tilt angle $\alpha=10^\circ$ the flutter vibration starts.



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The stall flutter phenomenon cannot occur at trackers with torque driving system at each support column. Damping systems may also help to suppress the flutter vibration (I.e. dynamic vibration absorber)



Thank you for your attention

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