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In Robins and Delisi (2008), a linear decay model, a new IGE model by Sarpkaya (2006), and a series of APA-Based models were scored using data from three airports. This report is a guide to the APA-based models.

A list of models used in Robins and Delisi (2008), as presented in Section 3, is as follows:

- APA 3.1.1 - the original APA model with a minimum circulation decay in ground effect of  $\Gamma/\Gamma_0 = 1 - T/K$ ,  $K=8$ , and a modified version of APA 3.1.1 with  $K = 5$ .
- APA 3.2.1 - APA 3.1.1 with Proctor's model for the circulation decay during the initial stages of IGE; with the same minimum decay rates as in APA 3.1.1. Proctor's model is linearly phased in between the times of  $0.25T$  and  $0.4T$ , where  $T$  is the time scale  $b_0/V_0$ ,  $b_0$  and  $V_0$  being the initial separation and descent speed of the vortices.
- APA 3.2.1E - APA 3.2.1 with a minimum decay rate equal to the environmental decay rate at the beginning of IGE or  $\Gamma/\Gamma_0 = 1 - T/K$ ,  $K=8$ , if the environmental rate is less than this; also scored was a version of APA 3.2.1E with  $K=5$ .
- APA 3.2.2 - An alternate version of APA 3.2.1 ( $K=5$  only) where the onset of Proctor's model occurs exactly at a time of  $0.25T$ .
- APA 3.2.2E - An alternate version of APA 3.2.1E ( $K=5$  and  $6$ ) where the onset of Proctor's model occurs exactly at a time of  $0.25T$ .
- Sarpkaya's IGE Model - described by T. Sarpkaya in a report entitled "A Physics-based Real-time IGE Model of Aircraft Wake Vortices Subjected to Crosswind and Stratification."
- $1 - T/5$  Linear Decay - APA 3.1.1 with the IGE non-dimensional decay rate equal to  $1 - T/5$ .

The source codes for models APA 3.1.1, APA 3.2.1, APA 3.2.1E, APA 3.2.2, APA 3.2.2E, and Sarpkaya's IGE Model are provided on an accompanying CD-ROM disk. The one-line code change that determines the value of  $K$  for the APA 3.X.X models is clearly indicated in the code for the respective models. To find this code,

simply search for “C\*\*\*\*\*” in files ge1pth.f and ge2pth.f to find the code that sets K.

The code change required to transform APA 3.1.1 to the 1 – T/5 Linear Decay model is as follows:

Original Code from APA 3.1.1 files ge1pth.f and ge2pth.f:

```
C
C*****          FOLLOWING CODE FOR K=8 *****
          DGMIN = 0.125*TWOPI*VZIN*VZIN
C*****          FOLLOWING CODE FOR K=5 *****
CCC          DGMIN = 0.2*TWOPI*VZIN*VZIN
C*****
C
          IF (DELGAM.LT.DGMIN) DELGAM=DGMIN
C
          DGFAC = DELGAM/GAM(1)
          DO I=1,NPTS
            DGAM(I) = GAM(I) * DGFAC
          ENDDO
C
```

Modified Code for the 1 – T/5 Linear Decay Model:

```
C
          DELGAM = 0.2*TWOPI*VZIN*VZIN
C
          DGFAC = DELGAM/GAM(1)
          DO I=1,NPTS
            DGAM(I) = GAM(I) * DGFAC
          ENDDO
C
```

The input parameters required for all code versions are the same as described for LINES 3-10 in Robins and Delisi, 2005.

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