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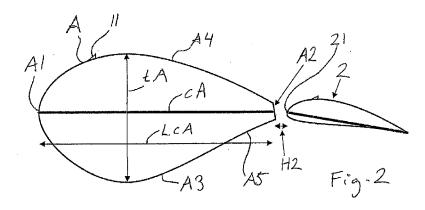
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a wind turbine comprising a rotor with at least one blade, characterized in that a flap (2) is arranged to at least partly extend along at least a part of a threshold thickness section (A) of the blade in which the airfoil thickness is at least 36%, the flap being arranged so that a slot is provided between the threshold thickness section and the flap, the chord of the flap being at least 15% of the chord of the threshold thickness section.





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1. claims: 1-12

A wind turbine comprising a rotor with at least one blade having a flap which is arranged to at least partly extend along at least a part of a threshold thickness section of the blade in which the airfoil thickness is at least 36% of its chord length, the flap being arranged so that a slot is provided between the threshold thickness section and the flap, the chord of the flap being at least 15% of the chord of the threshold thickness section. The wind turbine is further characterized by more restricted thickness ratio and flap chord length.

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2. claims: 1, 13-18

A wind turbine comprising a rotor with at least one blade, such that vortex generating means are provided on the suction side of a flap arranged to at least partly extend downstream of at least a part of the blade, the flap being arranged so that a slot is provided between the threshold thickness section and the flap.

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