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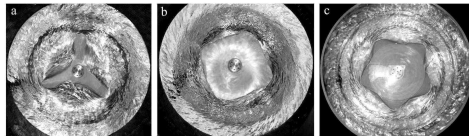
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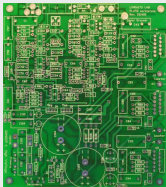
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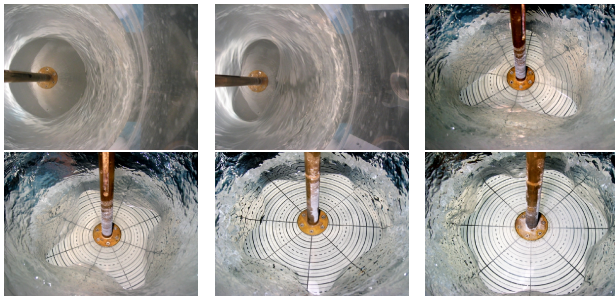
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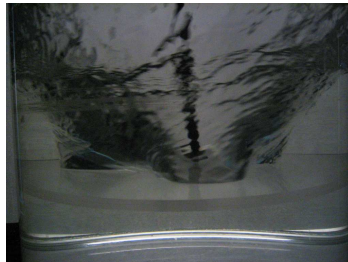
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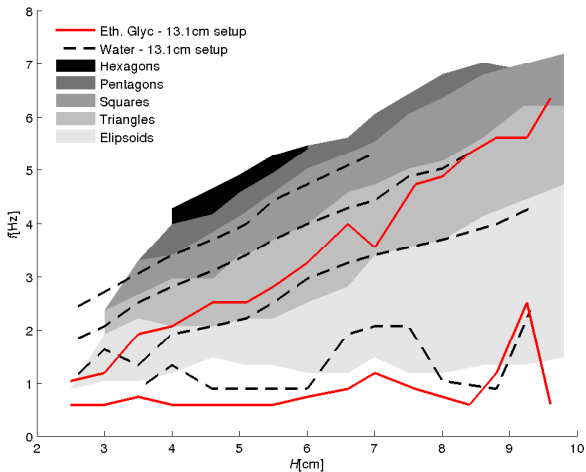
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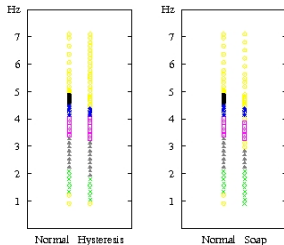
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- Ændring i viskositeten på 15 gange ændre Reynolds tallet meget  $Re = \frac{\Omega R^2}{\nu}$ , men påvirker ikke fænomenet. Vores forsøg  $Re = 1 \cdot 10^5 \rightarrow 1.5 \cdot 10^6$ . Numeriske forsøg  $\sim 5000$
- Meget komplekst system p.g.a. den høje hastighed. Artikler om lignende emner handler om langsommere systemer
- Væggene i opstillingerne giver meget stor gnidning, hvilket kan være en del af forklaringen.



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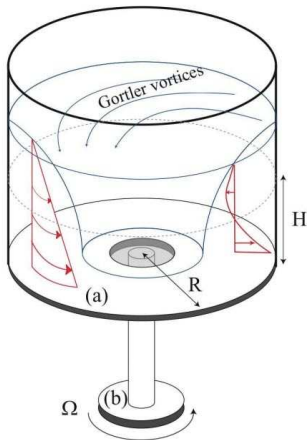
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- Rotationshastigheden af polygonerne er betydeligt mindre en pladens og sammenhængen er ret kompliceret.
- Observere mode-locking - at polygonerne drejer et hjørne for hver omgang af pladen.
- Von Karman flow - uendelig flade. Vores har endelig udstrækning og der er væske der bliver drevet op lang siderne og ned igen.



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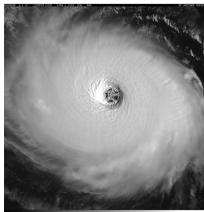
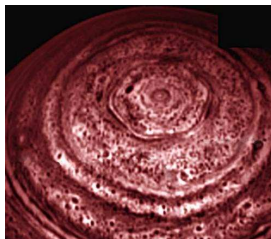


FIG. 1. Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) image of Hurricane Isabel at 1315 UTC 12 Sep 2003. The starfish pattern is caused by the presence of six mesovortices in the eye—two at the eye center and five surrounding it.



- J. P. Kossin & W. P. Schubert, Bull. Amer. Met. Soc. (2004)
- Billeder fra Nasas Cassini mission viser en roterende hexagon over nordpolen på Saturn. Hexagonet er 25000km bredt i diameter og er kendt fra Voyager 1 og 2 missionerne i for 26 år siden, men er nu blevet optaget igen. Store temperatur forskelle og vind hastigheder kunne eventuelt give anledning til samme gnidning som væggene i vores forsøg viser.
- Hardiske



I slutningen af vores Bachelor projekt mente Tomas Bohr at vi skulle skrive en artikel og et år efter i December 2005 sendte vi den afsted til Physical Review Letters:

PRL 96, 174502 (2006)

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## Polygons on a Rotating Fluid Surface

Thomas R. N. Jansson,<sup>1,2</sup> Martin P. Haspang,<sup>1,2</sup> Kåre H. Jensen,<sup>1,2</sup> Pascal Hersen,<sup>1</sup> and Tomas Bohr<sup>1</sup>

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We report a novel and spectacular instability of a fluid surface in a rotating system. In a flow driven by rotating the bottom plate of a partially filled, stationary cylindrical container, the shape of the free surface can spontaneously break the axial symmetry and assume the form of a polygon rotating rigidly with a speed different from that of the plate. With water, we have observed polygons with up to 6 corners. It has been known for many years that such flows are prone to symmetry breaking, but apparently the polygonal surface shapes have never been observed. The creation of rotating internal waves in a similar setup was observed for much lower rotation rates, where the free surface remains essentially flat [J. M. Lopez *et al.*, *J. Fluid Mech.* **502**, 99 (2004)]. We speculate that the instability is caused by the strong azimuthal shear due to the stationary walls and that it is triggered by minute wobbling of the rotating plate.

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I april 2006 møder Tomas Bohr Vatistas til en konference.

Experiments in Fluids 13, 377–385 (1992)

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## Experiments on waves induced in the hollow core of vortices

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**Abstract.** Recent experimental findings with respect to wave activity in the core of a hollow disk-shaped vortex generated in a cylindrical container with a flat disk rotating at the bottom are reported herein. For relatively low viscosity fluid, several stationary states of the core exist within a certain range of disk speeds. This range becomes narrow as the wave number grows. Between the stationary states, mixed, time dependent states were found to occur. Their interval of endurance decrease with the wave number. The disk speed at which the static state first appears and ends increases linearly with the original height. The phase velocity of the stationary waves rises with the angular velocity of the disk. For a liquid with an intermediate value of viscosity, abrupt transitions from one equilibrium state to the other is taking place. Steady vortex core patterns with wave numbers from one to eleven are observed. States where a wave packet encircles periodically the core are also encountered. Hysteresis is clearly evident. The core of a highly viscous liquid is stable. A suppressed form of instability appears at very large liquid heights and disk speeds.

though the latter case might be more involved from the mathematical modeling point of view (complex boundary conditions and processes involved), than the above mentioned classical problems, it is relatively simple in construction. Furthermore, as it will be shown, it can provide the researcher with a wide window into the study of flow transition.

In 1880 Lord Kelvin (Thomson, 1880) investigated theoretically the stability of columnar vortices. One of the case studies involved the behavior of a hollow irrotational vortex in a fixed cylindrical tube under the influence of three-dimensional harmonic disturbances. His analysis showed that vortex cores perturbed by waves with different number, were consistent with the inviscid equations of motion. Recently, Vatistas (1990) was able to experimentally disclose the existence of a similar core behavior in a liquid forced into rotation by a disk in a stationary container. In the past the



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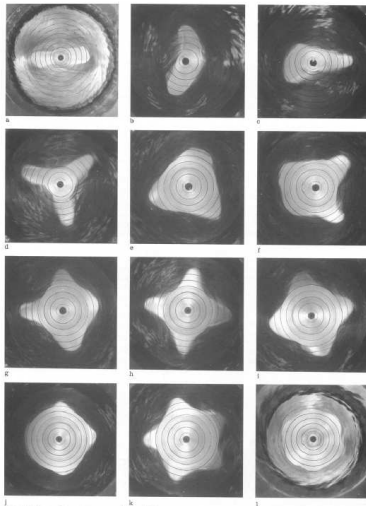


Fig. 4a-4. Core configurations corresponding to Fig. 3





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**Recipe for making symmetrical holes in water is easy.**

**Philip Ball**

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Bizarre geometric shapes that appear at the centre of swirling vortices in planetary atmospheres might be explained by a simple experiment with a bucket of water.

Researchers at the Technical University of Denmark in Lyngby have created similar geometric shapes (holes in the form of stars, squares, pentagons and hexagons) in whirlpools of water in a cylindrical bucket<sup>1</sup>. The shapes appear easily enough once the bucket is spinning at a rate of one to seven revolutions per second, they say.

Tomas Bohr and colleagues made plexiglass buckets, 13 and 20 centimetres across, with metal bottoms that could be rotated at high speed by a motor. They filled the bucket with water and spun the bottom to whip up the liquid into a whirlpool that rose up the sides of the container.

This set-up is very similar to the rotating bucket that *Leona* Newton used in the



As a bucket of water speeds up, the hole changes shape from a three-sided star to a

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### And Saturn's Hexagon Shall Be Called . . .

By JOHN TIERNEY  
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The judging committee, after reviewing your more than 200 nominations, has finally settled on a name and a myth for the mysterious [hexagon](#) on Saturn. But first, let's take a look at a hexagon in Denmark pointed out to me by several readers.

It was created by rapidly rotating a bucket of water — hardly an exact model of Saturn's atmosphere, but it might help in understanding those clouds swirling around the hexagon at its north pole. The hexagon-in-a-bucket was [reported](#) in Physical Review Letters last year by a team led by Thomas R. N. Jansson, a geophysics student at the Niels Bohr Institute at the University of Copenhagen.

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